

Treaty signing marks the planting of a 'mighty tree of peace'

Symbol of hope for mankind

● The historic US-Soviet treaty to eliminate medium and shorter-range nuclear missiles was signed by President Reagan and Mr Gorbachev

● Earlier at a welcoming ceremony on the White House lawn the Soviet leader looked forward to the goal of cutting strategic weapons by half

● The details of the INF treaty reveal that there are 120 Soviet missile sites open to US inspection and 25 American sites for the Russians to cover

● In the Commons Mrs Thatcher won praise for the Brice Norton "summit" and details of the missile withdrawal from Molesworth were announced

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Smiling broadly and to the warm applause of their wives, their delegations and senior negotiators, President Reagan and Mr Mikhail Gorbachev yesterday signed the historic agreement eliminating all ground-based intermediate-range nuclear missiles.

The two leaders affixed their signatures 16 times to the clauses of both Russian and English versions of the 200-page document.

They then exchanged their pens, shook hands warmly, applauded each other and beamed to the winner of dozens of cameras and the television cameras carrying the simple but portentous ceremony live to the US, the Soviet Union and other parts of the world.

The treaty, President Reagan said, was an "excellent example of the rewards of patience". When the final version was first proposed more than six years ago, it was dismissed as a propaganda ploy or as an impossible vision of utopianism.

With patience, determination and commitment we have made this impossible vision a reality.

Mr Gorbachev hoped December 8, 1987 would become a date that will be inscribed in the history books — a date that will mark the watershed separating the era of a mounting risk of nuclear war from the era of a demilitarization of human life.

The treaty, whose final verification details were worked out only last week, requires the destruction within three years of some 2,800 missiles with 3,800 warheads, mainly based in Europe. It was hailed by both leaders as an historic achievement, a beginning to greater mutual trust and a symbol of hope for mankind.

"We can be proud of planting this sapling, which may one day grow into a mighty tree of peace," Mr Gorbachev said. Mr Reagan said the treaty protected the interests of America's friends and allies. It also embodied another important principle: the need for glasnost, a greater openness, in military programmes and forces.

Mr Reagan said he had listened to the wisdom of the old Russian proverb, and then, exceeding his promise, repeated his favourite "Makimov" — "Trust but verify."

Mr Gorbachev, standing beside him, interrupted to say: "You repeat that at every meeting, and was greeted with loud laughter and applause."

His impromptu remark, leading a disarming informality to the ceremony, may also have been a subtle hint to hardliners in the Senate who have doubts about ratification that President Reagan has indeed done everything he could to ensure the best possible verification of the treaty.

Mr Reagan added: "We can only hope that this history-making agreement will not be an end in itself, but the beginning of a working relationship that will enable us to tackle the other issues, urgent issues, before us: strategic offensive nuclear weapons, the balance of conventional forces in Europe, the destructive and tragic regional conflicts that beset so many parts of our globe, and respect for the human and natural rights that God has granted to all men."

The Soviet leader, in his brief speech before signing the treaty, said succeeding generations would hand down their verdict on its importance. It had a "universal significance" for mankind, both from the standpoint of world politics and from the stand point of humanity. He said it offered a big chance to get on to the road leading away from the threat of catastrophe.

Mr Gorbachev held his first meeting with Mr Reagan in the morning before the 2.00pm signing ceremony. The White House said afterwards that he was wearing a set of solid-gold cufflinks given to him by Mr Reagan, which matched the pair the President was wearing.

The cufflinks pictured the biblical prophet Isaiah breaking swords into ploughshares.

The INF treaty actually eliminates only 4 per cent of the "superpowers' nuclear stockpile. In his public remarks since arriving, Mr Gorbachev has emphasized several times that he is eager now to move on to further arms reductions, starting with a 50 per cent cut in strategic weapons and moving on to other nuclear weapons, including battlefield weapons, in Europe.

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Friendly words mark arrival

From Our Own Correspondent Washington

Declaring that the two superpowers were about to take a "great step" towards peace, with the signing of an historic arms treaty, President Reagan yesterday welcomed Mr Mikhail Gorbachev on the south lawn of the White House and told him the world was watching them.

The Soviet leader, exuding confidence and cordiality, said he had come to Washington to advance the next and most important goal of cutting strategic weapons by half "in the context of a firm guarantee of strategic stability". He looked forward to "a most serious and frank dialogue" on other issues of Soviet-American relations.

President Reagan and his wife welcomed Mr and Mrs Gorbachev in a formal ceremony that was marked by dignity, occasion and a palpable sense of history and superpower responsibility for the peace of the world.

As the Soviet leader's bullet-proof Russian limousine drew up promptly at 10.00am, President Reagan, in a black coat with a white silk scarf, stepped forward to shake hands at the start of their third summit meeting. Mr Gorbachev, dressed in a dark suit, stepped forward to shake hands with the President.

Marine guards, crisply turned out in dress uniform, presented arms, the Soviet and US national anthems were played and a 21-gun salute was fired — the traditional greeting for a head of state, although Mr Gorbachev, as party secretary, technically does not qualify.

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Face to face: Mr Gorbachev and President Reagan at the welcoming ceremonies with full military honours in Washington.

INF inspectors face huge task

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

The small print of the Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty signed in Washington yesterday revealed in detail the enormity of the task now confronting the United States and the Soviet Union over the next three years.

The data which the Russians have recently supplied show that there are 120 missile sites to be covered by the treaty and are thus open to US inspection under the verification procedures. The United States, by comparison, has about 25 sites, including eight in Europe.

The wording of the crucial "Inspection Protocol", attached to the treaty, allows a period of just 60 days for both sides to carry out a baseline inspection of all the sites, to count the missiles against the figures supplied in the data exchanges.

After the US Senate has ratified the treaty, there will be a formal ratification ceremony between the Americans and

Russians, followed by a period of 30 days when both sides will prepare themselves for the challenge ahead. On Day 30, the inspection teams will set off to visit all the sites. The Russians have spread their SS 20 missile sites all over the Soviet Union, so the American inspectors will go on a grand tour of the country.

The listed US and Soviet sites include the two non-INF production facilities which are described as potential "suspect sites". These are the Soviet SS 25 missile production plant at Volkovsk and the American MX missile plant at Minuteman in Utah. American and Soviet permanent monitoring teams will stay for a minimum of three years outside the plants. Housing will be supplied.

During the crucial 60 days of baseline inspection, two teams of Russian inspectors will arrive by Illyushin jet to check on Greenham Common in Berkshire and Molesworth

in Cambridgeshire. They will land at the Greenham Common airfield and be taken by coach to Molesworth.

Under the missile phasing agreement reached between the United States and the British Government, the 16 operational cruise missiles at Molesworth will be among the first of the Euro-missiles to go back to the US for destruction at the "elimination facility" which will be built at the US Army base at Tooele in Utah.

The 96 cruise missiles at Greenham Common will be phased out "flight by flight" (there are 16 in each flight). The final flight of 16 will be among the last to go. This is because the Americans want to keep as many "operational units" as possible in different locations until the three-year elimination period is over. The Government intends to continue training exercises with unarmed cruise missile convoys away from their bases

until they are withdrawn from Britain.

The other European basing countries, West Germany, Italy and Belgium (the fifth, The Netherlands, has not installed any missiles) are now consulting with the Americans over their position in the order of missile withdrawal.

Destruction of missiles can begin once both sides are satisfied with their baseline inspections. Since the Russians have so many more missiles to eliminate (2,000 to the Americans' 800), in the first six months, when the US and Soviet Union will be allowed to destroy by launching (without the warheads), American satellites will carry the burden of monitoring the rockets. No more than four missiles can be launched in one day. The warheads themselves will not be destroyed. The fissile material and guidance

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US retains a healthy scepticism

From Frank Johnson Washington

The American people are being browbeaten into being "positive" about everything to do with their illustrious Soviet visitor.

But the American people are, anyway, "positive" by nature. Happily, there is no sign so far that they are being over-positive about this Russian. They do not always do what those who claim to farm their opinions tell them. Otherwise they would not have twice elected Mr Reagan.

Politicians, television newscasters and newspaper editors as they would be about, say, Mother Teresa. In so far as it is possible to judge what the effect is on the majority of Americans, it is reassuring.

True, American pop singers on recent visits to the Soviet Union are depicted embracing those dreary Russian folk dancers. But most Americans are not pop singers. When more typical Americans are allowed their say they express

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Church meeting may reveal reason for canon's suicide

By Clifford Langley, Mark Ellis, Craig Seton and David Cross

The Church of England may learn on Thursday why Dr Gareth Bennett, the canon and Oxford don widely believed to have been the author of last week's anonymous attack on the Archbishop of Canterbury, committed suicide.

He was found dead in his car at his home in Oxfordshire on Monday night. A pipe had been connected from the exhaust to the interior.

Dr Bennett, a bachelor, had lived alone in a modern semi-detached house at New Marston since his mother died 10 years ago. His body was discovered in his garage by his next door neighbour, Mr Harold Cooper.

There is now growing pressure from all quarters on the secretary general of the General Synod, Mr Derek Pattinson, who handled the controversial preface to 'Crockford's Clerical Directory', to reveal all to a synod policy

committee meeting on Thursday. The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, has insisted that the matter be placed on the agenda.

A reminder of the pressure Dr Bennett may have been under came in a statement from the Archbishop of York's office yesterday. It confirmed that questions surrounding the preface would be on the agenda of Thursday's meeting. Dr Bennett was a member of the synod policy sub-committee and would have been expected to attend the meeting himself, and sit through an acrimonious discussion.

Dr Bennett was a leading member of the General Synod of the Church of England. The Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Rev Richard Harries, described Dr Bennett as "a distinguished church historian with a profound sense of, and concern for Anglican tradition and its integrity".

The Dean of Winchester, the Very Rev Trevor Beeson, said the whole affair had been

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BBC 'cleared' on first of spy series

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

The Government was dealt a blow last night by the secretary of the Defence, Press and Broadcasting (D-Notice) committee who effectively cleared the first of the banned BBC programmes about the security services.

Admiral William Higgins wrote to the BBC to say he was as reassured as he could be that the first of the programme, 'My Country, Right or Wrong', did not pose a threat to national security.

BBC lawyers will use Admiral Higgins' letter in the High Court today when they seek to have the injunction granted by the Attorney General, Sir Patrick Mayhew, overturned.

Admiral Higgins made his views known in a letter to Mr John Wilson, the BBC's controller of editorial policy, after a meeting on Tuesday

with Mr Wilson and Miss Anne Sloan, editor of the banned series.

Admiral Higgins said in the letter: "I have now considered fully all that you have told me about the first episode of the series and although, needless to say, I cannot be absolutely sure that there is no risk of damage to national security without seeing a transcript of the programme, my reassurance is as nearly complete as it can be on that basis and without knowing the names."

"I therefore have no advice to offer you concerning the first episode. This of course in no way implies any official clearance or approval of the programme."

The decision by Admiral Higgins not to offer advice is crucial because it means he is not suggesting the initial programme should be modified, and therefore, by implication, believes it is "safe".

It is believed to be Sotheby's policy that if an Old Master comes up at regional valuation days, the valuer asks the owner to leave the painting behind in order to show it to a specialist at head office.

IN PART 2

Offer by BP

BP is making a tender offer for up to 29.9 per cent of British oil netting a 12 per cent stake in a dawn raid. Page 25

Gatting clash

Mike Gatting, the England cricket captain, again clashed with a Pakistani umpire in the second Test match. Page 44

Degree list

University of London degrees are published today. Page 19

Portfolio

Yesterday's £8,000 prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition, double the usual amount as there was no winner on Monday, was shared by two readers. Details, page 3. Portfolio list, page 31.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Brady makes last visit to the moor

Ian Brady, the Moors murderer, was given a final chance yesterday to show police where he buried Keith Bennett, aged 12, in 1964. For the second time in six months Brady walked across Saddleworth Moor and attempted to pinpoint where the schoolboy has lain undetected for more than two decades.

He spent 12 hours on the moors, concentrating on the Shiny Brook area, after being escorted from Park Lane Special Hospital on Merseyside and arriving on the moor at 5am. Three decoys were used by police to distract the attention of possible assailants. Leading the search team was Det Chief Supt Peter Topping, head of Greater Manchester CID, who twice during the past week has visited Brady.

Searching for keys for crash

Bristol detectives searching for Mrs Shirley Banks yesterday began checking dozens of garages as the public responded to calls for help in identifying four keys linked to the missing woman.

The keys were displayed on Monday alongside a picture of an unnamed man. Detectives want to know of his whereabouts between January last year and this October.

By last night more than 450 calls had been received by the Avon and Somerset police, including one from France and another from West Germany.

Jail hostage attempt

Masked inmates at Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow, failed in an attempt to take a prison officer hostage, a prison source said yesterday.

Mr Bill Goodall, deputy general secretary of the Scottish Prison Officers' Association, said the officer was attacked by four prisoners armed with chair legs before lock-up on Monday night.

He said that the officer managed to fight the inmates off before fellow officers came to his aid.

The Scottish Office said yesterday that five officers and one prisoner received treatment for minor injuries. The police are investigating.

Offer to Lawley

Sue Lawley, the broadcaster, has been offered the job of presenter of BBC Radio 4's *Desert Island Discs* in succession to Michael Parkinson.

He took over in January last year after the death of the programme's creator, Roy Plomley, who interviewed 1,790 people in 43 years.

Mr Parkinson has asked to be taken off the programme and his successor starts next March. His style has been criticized by Mr Plomley's widow, Diana, who yesterday welcomed the offer to Miss Lawley.



TV reforms accepted

Television technicians voted yesterday to accept reforms to end many "Spanish practices". The vote, by 300 members of the ACTT at Scottish Television, comes after 16 months of talks. Three other unions have yet to decide.

Management and secretaries operated cameras at TV-am in London to put out a half-hour live programme hosted by Anne Diamond for the second day running. No talks are planned with the technicians who struck two weeks ago over manning levels.

Kasparov close to retaining his title

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent, Seville

Gary Kasparov, the title holder, held Anatoly Karpov to a draw in game 21 to move closer to retaining the world chess championship.

A score of 12 points from the total of 24 games will guarantee that the champion holds on to the title.

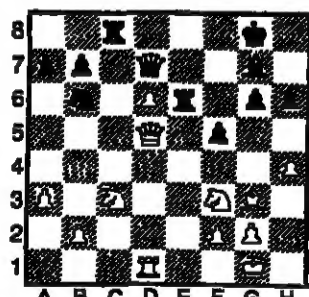
Karpov, playing white, decided once again to test Kasparov's favourite Grünfeld defence and introduced an innovation on move 14 which varied from his play in game 15.

However, Kasparov was equal to the task and devised a plan which neutralized the white initiative.

Black's counterplay culminated in the tactical coup 19...Nd3. This bold knight could not be captured since the pawn thrust...c4 would then win material.

In due course Karpov was obliged to sacrifice his rook for the intrusive black knight but white obtained tremendous compensation in the shape of an advanced pawn in the centre of the board.

With time trouble approaching both players aban-



done their winning attempts and acquiesced in a draw by repetition of position on move 28.

The result is something of a disappointment for Karpov, who has to win one of the final three games to seize the title from his rival.

Game 22 is set for today, with Kasparov playing white.

White	Black	15 Rd2	Nd4
1 d4	Nf6	16 Qd3	Be6
2 c4	g6	17 Bc4	Rd6
3 Nc3	Bg7	18 Bb3	Rd6
4 Nf3	Bg7	19 a3	Nd3
5 Qc3	Qc4	20 Bg3	O4
6 Qc4	O-O	21 Qc2	Re8
7 e4	Nd6	22 Rad1	Qd7
8 Be2	c5	23 b4	h5
9 d5	cxd5	24 Rxd3	cxh3
10 e5	h4	25 Qxd3	Nd3
11 exd5	Bf5	26 Qd5	Nd3
12 Re1	Re8	27 Qd3	Nd3
13 c6	h5	28 Qd3	Nd3
14 Bf4	Nd7		

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

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Law Society split on inspection of land register

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Law Society of England and Wales is divided over whether to back Lord Templeman's private Bill to open up the Land Register to public inspection.

The issue, which has been the subject of heated disagreement within Law Society committees, will come to a head tomorrow when a report is put before the society's council meeting.

That will recommend that the society rescinds its present policy of opposition and informs the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, that it has no objection to public inspection.

Lord Templeman, a law lord, introduced his Bill to amend the Land Registration Act 1925 last month. It received its second reading on November 25.

The Bill, which intends that "the register of title of freehold land and leasehold land kept

at Her Majesty's Land Registry should become public", is based on a Law Commission report of 1984.

The Law Society and the Country Landowners' Association have been the chief opponents of the Law Commission's recommendations, arguing that an open register will make frauds easier.

They say it would enable wrongdoers to obtain land or charge certificates and deal with the property, for example, to obtain a loan on the

security of it, particularly where the owner was absent.

The society's standing committee on land law and conveyancing does not oppose opening the register, while the business committee has strong views for and against.

Last June the society's secretary general, Mr John Hayes, wrote to Lord Templeman saying that the council committee remained divided but would be making a final decision on whether to

oppose the Bill "when the time comes".

Opponents of the Bill also argue the register was introduced on the basis that strict confidentiality was observed and to open it would be a breach of faith; and that to open the register would discriminate between the owners of registered and unregistered land.

Those in favour say that almost all other countries with land registration systems have

open and unrestricted access to ownership of land in Scotland, for instance, is a public matter.

They also say an open register would help redevelopment by making it easier to contact the owners of vacant or derelict land and would make conveyancing easier.

They point out that other registers are open, such as those on planning applications, companies, proved wills and letters of administration.

Health cash to be queried in top level investigation

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

MPs will tonight agree an urgent top-level parliamentary inquiry into all aspects of the funding of the National Health Service.

Members of the all-party Social Services select committee are determined to get to the root of the paradox that the health service is in crisis despite record government expenditure in real terms.

Yesterday the Prime Minister defended the Government's record on the health service. In a letter to Mr Neil Kinnock, the leader of the opposition, she said expenditure on the health service had risen from £8 billion in 1978-79 to £21 billion in 1987-88; outpatient attendances from 3 million to 38 million last year, heart by-pass operations from 265 a month to 880 and hip replacements from 2,300 to 3,100.

Among the first witnesses the select committee is likely to call are the presidents of the three Royal Colleges of medicine who issued a statement at the weekend bitterly denouncing the Government's attitude to the health service. It will also want to question ministers, top health service officials and other involved parties.

Acknowledging that the future of the National Health Service is now the dominant political issue of the moment, the committee will want the inquiry to begin before Christmas if possible, and to be concluded within a matter of months.

The inquiry is likely to be one of the most objective to date on this highly contentious subject.

Mr Frank Field, the Labour MP who is likely to be elected committee chairman, is estranged from his own Whips because of his notorious independence. The two senior Tories on the committee, Sir David Price and Mr Nicholas Winter, are both deeply concerned about the present state of the health service.

Mr Winter was one of 10 Tories who abstained on Monday night on government measures to impose charges for dental and eye tests.

The inquiry is likely to pay special attention to means of topping up government funding such as special taxes on tobacco and alcohol or state lotteries.

The committee had already decided to investigate the management of the health service when the general election intervened, and this inquiry is seen as a natural extension of that. Committee members hope that it will trigger a number of further inquiries into specific aspects of the health service to be pursued later in the Parliament.

Meanwhile Mrs Edwina Currie, Under Secretary of State at the Department of Health and Social Security, said she wanted a growth in private health care treatment with people who could afford it seeking health care outside the health service.

Fresh approach to crime punishment

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The Government is developing a "win-track" approach to the sentencing of criminals to stiffer prison terms for serious crimes, matched with tough "community" punishments for less serious, non-violent offences.

Faced with serious overcrowding in British prisons, Mr John Patten, Minister of State in the Home Office, announced yesterday that he was reviewing the scope of community service orders as an alternative to jail sentences.

"We must get away from the idea that the only punishment that counts is prison", he told Conservatives in Cambridge.

"Long sentences in custody

should be imposed on those who resort to violence, to deter others and to protect society. But imprisonment should equally be used sparingly. We need to continue to strengthen the idea of punishment in the community."

Non-custodial sentences should be a viable form of punishment, respected by magistrates, the public and offenders alike.

Ministers had never argued that the courts should be constrained by prison overcrowding. However, with nearly 55,000 people in jail, it was only sensible to note the pressure under which the prison system had to operate.

Last-ditch bid by SAS

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Mr Jan Carlzon, president of the Scandinavian airline SAS, is to fly to London today in a last-ditch attempt to produce an acceptable bid for British Caledonian.

Talks between SAS and its bankers dragged on yesterday as a detailed proposal was drawn up to overcome the objections of the Civil Aviation Authority.

The authority had been expecting a visit by SAS officials yesterday afternoon, but the meeting was cancelled at the last moment.

Last night, however, SAS officials were adamant that the deal was not on the brink of collapse, and that they had simply been indulging in "fine-tuning".

The arrival of Mr Carlzon today to bolster the negotiating team will give an added boost to the SAS bid.

British Airways, however, remains quietly confident that its offer will be approved.

The UK carrier will not increase its bid, which remains on the table, unless SAS puts forward a firm proposal.

Section 2 challenge by Tory

A Bill repealing Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act was unveiled yesterday in spite of the Prime Minister's objections that a private member's Bill should not amend law in areas affecting state security (Richard Ford writes).

Sponsors are confident of all-party support at next month's second reading but the Government intends to kill the Bill by mobilizing the votes of ministers and parliamentary private secretaries.

The Bill, sponsored by Mr Richard Shepherd, Conservative MP for Aldridge Brownhills, would replace Section 2 with categories of information that would remain classified and protected by criminal sanctions.

Explorers find blood of Maya king

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

The preserved blood of an ancient Maya king who died 1,280 years ago has been found in a ceremonial offering excavated in Central America. It formed part of a cache that included jade objects that were heirlooms when the offering was made.

The discovery was made during excavations at the Maya site of Copan in Honduras, first explored 150 years ago and the source of some of the British Museum's collection. A test pit had been sunk at the base of the hieroglyphic staircase, a monumental inscription of AD 756 in the form of a stairway leading up to a temple dedicated to the theme of war and sacrifice.

Mr David Stuart, a Princeton University undergraduate who was supervising the excavation, had extended it below an altar which stood in the bottom step, and there found a pottery vessel.

It contained two carved jades, four sting-ray spines, an implement used by the ancient Maya to pierce their bodies and draw blood for offerings, and a shell

of the thorax oyster *Spondylus*. The shell contained a reddish-brown caked and laminated material, which has been confirmed as blood.

The dried blood is too denatured to allow genetic fingerprinting or blood-grouping, according to Dr William Fash, the project director.

He believes that it was shed by the ruler of Copan in a dedication ceremony for the hieroglyphic staircase, which has a text detailing the genealogy of the kings of Copan, and which was built after a previous ruler had been captured and sacrificed by the ruler of the neighbouring city of Quirigua.

The two jades from the offering date to between AD 250 and 600, being in the Early Classic style. One is a seated figure, probably a high-status person and possibly an earlier ruler of Copan. The other has a serpentine figure on one side and a deity with attributes of the sun god on the other.

British Rail deaths

Track workers hit by train

An investigation was underway last night into the deaths of four British Rail workers who were killed by a passenger train yesterday as they carried out track maintenance.

It was claimed that the men would not have heard the 10.43am Leeds-Sheffield diesel train as they were wearing ear protectors to deafen the noise of electric hammers on the line near Normanton, West Yorkshire.

Warning of approaching trains should have been signalled by lookouts on both sides of the line. The lookouts are equipped with remote-control equipment to cut off power to the hammers and a device which emits a high-pitched sound in the ear protectors of the workmen.

Those killed were Mr Roy Wilkinson, aged 47, of Wakefield, West Yorkshire, and Mr William Bradley, aged 43, Mr Anthony David Richards, aged 45, and Mr James Lyons, aged 54, all of Normanton.

Two survivors of the accident were being questioned by British Rail investigators.

The crew were working at a set of points where freight and passenger lines cross at Methley junction, nine miles south-west of Leeds. Visibility was said to be excellent.

It is understood that no warning had been given to the train driver that maintenance work was being carried out on the straight stretch of track, which has a 75mph speed limit.

Support for research urged

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Britain faces an economic catastrophe if a decline in support for scientific research continues, an Oxford University professor said last night.

Professor Denis Noble, a specialist in cardiovascular research and a founder member of the Save British Science campaign, said the United States invested far more public money in science.

He said scientific discoveries would stop if the Government did not increase support for university re-

search. Industry should invest twice as much in research and development to keep abreast of international competitors.

Professor Noble, in a lecture to the Royal Society of Medicine in London, said there was a strong link between science and industrial competitiveness.

There was "no lack of exploitability" about the discoveries of basic science in Britain.

The cost to industry of developing a marketable prod-

uct was about 10 times the cost of basic research.

He said the decline in support for science was reflected in a drop of 10 per cent in a level science candidates over the past two years.

The number of science graduates going into commerce and the City from Oxford increased from more than 12 per cent to more than 23 per cent, while the number entering industry fell from nearly 25 per cent to less than 15 per cent.

US killing link with IRA group

Murder squad detectives in Rochester, New York state, are investigating the fatal shooting of a Belfast man linked with Noraid, the IRA's fund-raising front in the United States.

The body of Damien McCClinton, aged 38, will be flown to Northern Ireland this week for burial at the Rock cemetery, Stonyford, near Lisburn, Co Antrim.

He was found dead with six bullet wounds last week outside the Genesee brewery, Rochester, where he worked as a plant supervisor.

Police said yesterday that there were no witnesses to the shooting and have asked the Royal Ulster Constabulary for assistance.

Errors in operating theatres may claim 1,000 lives a year

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Up to 1,000 hospital patients may die each year because of errors of judgement by surgeons and anaesthetists, a confidential inquiry within the medical profession has found.

Many of the deaths are among elderly patients and are due to surgeons carrying out operations for which they are not qualified or are inadequately trained. Some of the operations are unnecessary and are carried out by junior doctors without seeking advice from consultants; the inquiry reported yesterday.

Strict guidelines are likely to be introduced because of the investigation, the biggest of its kind. Mr Anthony Newton, Minister for Health, said that the Department of Health and Social Security would study the report in detail and seek to discuss it with health authorities and the medical professions.

A national assessment of the quality of clinical practice is to be set up next year.

The estimated total of avoidable deaths is based on information from 900 hospital consultants in three English health regions. The report into peri-operative deaths, published by the Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust and the King's Fund, looked at cases during a 12-month period in the Northern, South-western and North-east Thames regions.

It found that of more than half a million operations carried out, 4,334 patients, most of them elderly, died within a month. It concluded that 195 deaths involved failure of surgeons to provide optimal care, and three others were the responsibility of anaesthetists.

The overall death rate was calculated at only 0.7 per cent of operations. Deaths attributable solely to avoidable surgical or anaesthetic factors occurred in a "very small proportion" of these cases.

Organizers of the inquiry described this as "reassuring". However, they found that

some consultants carried out operations that were outside their known specialty.

"Equally worrying are instances of out-dated or inappropriate operations being performed by consultants, or their juniors, who are under-taking work for which they have no particular expertise."

"General surgeons undertaking non-urgent brain surgery or doing skilled urology... gynaecologists doing vascular surgery and orthopaedic surgeons doing bowel surgery are examples that are difficult

Specialist care units turned away 93 premature babies last year and 24 subsequently died, according to a study at Oxford University.

The national study, to be published next January, shows that maternity hospitals needing to transfer premature babies for specialist treatment were often unable to find free neonatal cots, mainly because of nursing shortages. Most of the deaths took place in two regions, South East Thames and North Western.

The survey was set up by Dr Neil McIntosh, a consultant paediatrician, after a pilot study in two London health regions showed eight of 14 babies died after being turned away from specialist units.

"We are concerned that many of the cases of patients who were critically ill were operated on by junior staff without prior consultation with the consultant surgeon in charge."

"We are similarly concerned that many operations were undertaken by surgeons too junior and too inexperienced to do the job. Mistakes were frequently made by these surgeons."

The inquiry found instances of "grave failure of supervision" in big district general and metropolitan teaching hospitals. "There seems to be little excuse for large hospitals

with large consultant surgical staff not being able to exercise complete consultant supervision at all times."

Failure to keep an operating theatre available for emergencies led to two patients dying while being transferred from one hospital to another.

One man, aged 58, died a week after a straightforward operation because it was carried out in a hospital with no intensive care unit. A man, aged 65, died after surgery which the consultant delegated to a senior house officer, assisted by a medical student.

An operation by a surgical registrar on a woman, aged 40, who died nine days after a mastectomy, was described as "unnecessary and inhumane" because her cancer was so widespread that surgery was futile. In 29 such cases of carcinoma, the operations were unnecessary, the report says.

Among 410 deaths, anaesthesia was implicated, but in only three cases was it considered the only factor. A "failure to apply knowledge" was criticized in 302 cases. Thirty per cent were partly due to lack of care, including "grossly inadequate monitoring" of anaesthesia equipment and "inappropriate" doses of drugs.

Professor Michael Rosen, president of the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland, who presented the report, said: "No system where human judgement is involved is perfect. There are departures from ideal practice and unavoidable errors, but it is from these that we learn how to improve the system."

Mr Brendan Devlin, consultant surgeon at North Tees General Hospital, Cleveland, who helped prepare the report, said: "Mistakes have been made and improvements will be sought."

Confidential Enquiry into Peri-operative Deaths (Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust, 3 Prince Albert Road, London NW1 7SP; £5 including p&p).

Drink-drive campaign

Magistrates 'too lenient'

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Magistrates were criticized by a chief constable yesterday for being too lenient on drink-drivers, while a hospital consultant said that drunken motorists were filling beds needed badly by the sick and elderly.

As the Government launched its Christmas anti-drink driving campaign with the warning that 1,500 people would be killed and injured by the new year, Mr John Over, chief constable for Gwent, said no driver had ever received the maximum penalty of six months imprisonment and/or a £2,000 fine.

Mr Over, chairman of the Association of Chief Police Officers' traffic committee, said that the average fine for drinking and driving was £174.

"People should be dealt with more seriously. The penalties are there but they are not being used. I would like to see magistrates being more strict. The courts have to begin to face their responsibilities and put away people who should not be on the streets and make sure it has a real deterrent effect."

The Magistrates' Association said magistrates were often inhibited by the ruling that they must take the means of the offender into account and the ability to pay off the fine within 12 months.

Mr Howard Bademan, consultant surgeon at University College Hospital, where the government campaign was launched, pleaded for a cut in drink-drive casualties to reduce the pressure on beds in the health service.

He said beds which could be used for people with heart failure, children, the elderly and cancer patients were being taken up by accident victims, many of whom were drink-drivers. "Patients are being turned away at the hospital."

The Welsh were revealed yesterday as Britain's biggest sufferers from hangovers (Edward Townsend writes).

More than 40 per cent of drinkers in Wales admit over-indulgence, compared to a national average of 31 per cent. People aged 16 to 24 had the worst record, with 53 per cent admitting morning-after headaches.

A Gallup survey showed 34 per cent of Britons prefer black coffee as the antidote to alcohol; water was the second favourite "cure". Fruit juice was chosen by 10 per cent, while milk was the favourite of 8 per cent. More alcohol was the choice of 9 per cent nationally, but by 20 per cent of the Welsh.

door because their bed was taken the night before by an accident victim."

At University College Hospital, which treated many victims of the King's Cross Underground fire, up to 10 beds a day could be freed if drunk drivers or their victims no longer required treatment.

Mr Over said that 78 per cent of all assaults were drink-related and many were against hospital staff. A big drop in

drink-driving would help hospital staff and the police.

Between December 9 and 18 full-page advertisements will appear in all national daily newspapers showing an empty hospital bed with the caption: "Before you give a driver a drink, think where it might lead."

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, said people should plan in three extra ways at Christmas: groups to decide in advance who will be driving; order a taxi or a mini-cab to get home from parties if there is no one else to drive you; have a good supply of low or non-alcoholic drinks if you are entertaining.

This year's campaign has been marked by a big increase in privately-sponsored promotions. Courage, the brewers, were praised by Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary for Roads and Traffic, for television commercials against drinking and driving it will launch next week.

Youngs, the south-west London brewery, is giving free bus passes to customers over Christmas.

A police constable had a blood alcohol level of more than three times the legal limit when he crashed his car into a double-deck bus and taxi, York magistrates heard yesterday.

Anthony Thackeray, aged 29, of York, admitted driving while drunk and failing to stop after an accident and being drunk and incapable two months before the motoring offences. Sentence was adjourned.

they are so similar," he said, adding that Christie's attribution was "inadequate". He challenged the National Gallery to bring the two paintings together for comparison.

Christie's London had a successful sale of European sculpture and works of art yesterday, with 23 per cent unsold. Top price, paid by a New York dealer, was £159,500 for an early thirteenth century Limoges

Bennett unhappy over rumours

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

The tragedy of Dr Gary Bennett began even before the publication of the controversial preface, when an intense rumour broke out in the church for the possible author.

The clues were plain enough, and churchmen were happy to offer suggestions, usually in detail, to journalists and to each other. Lines were hot, and comments sometimes mischievous. But the trouble facing both journalists and churchmen was that the obvious candidates almost all denied it by the end of the day, and by the weekend even the more mercurial ones had done so.

The writer enjoyed central connections in the General Synod, that was plain. He (or she) either was or had been one of the 18 elected members of the synod's standing committee, its inner cabinet; and was a member of, or very close to, the Crown Appointments Commission, of whom six are elected at any one time, three clergy and three lay.

There is a circle of people who know something of the business of these two bodies without belonging to them, but the field was not large, and a proportion of it could be eliminated for obvious reasons.

For it was apparent that the writer was an Anglo-Catholic, a party which usually accounts for about a third of central church bodies. It was widely suspected that the writer was a clergyman, indeed some said a disappointed clergyman who felt frustrated in his career. The style was literate but not fancy, and the mind which had organized the facts was a trained one, therefore probably an academic.

But it was virtually taken for granted that any possible author who denied it was telling the truth. What was consequently absent from much talk was the traditional reaction of churchmen when the authorship of the Crookford's preface has been canvassed in earlier years — a closing of ranks to protect the author's traditional anonymity.

It was generally said that in the interests of the church, the authorship should, this time, become known and the name of Dr Bennett was heard time and again, in places as widely dispersed as Winchester, Newcastle, and Lambeth Palace — though Dr Runcie himself maintained a dignified silence. I was, perhaps, the first journalist to approach Dr Bennett, and his denial was unequivocal: he did not know what he was in the preface.

He told me he had already had queries from churchmen — the preface had been circulating among a small circle some days before publication — and he was unhappy on being told that his name was being mentioned.

Last Wednesday, after hearing his courteous denial, we chatted briefly about the most recent time we had met. I had read a paper at a theological seminar at Fussy House, was fond, about two weeks before, and Dr Bennett had attended and contributed to the discussion.

The following day, having heard his name was men-



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Runcie, with Mr Derek Pattinson, the secretary general of the Church Synod, at Church House yesterday after the news of Dr Bennett's death.

The anonymous attack that sparked Runcie controversy

By Our Religious Affairs Correspondent

The anonymous preface to Crookford's *Clerical Directory*, which was published last Thursday morning, contained an unprecedented attack on the competence of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie.

Having praised Dr Runcie's personal warmth, intelligence, and capacity for hard work, and remarked that his influence was probably at its height, the preface went on to say: "It would therefore be good to be assured that he actually knew what he was doing, and had a clear basis for his policies other than taking the line of least resistance on each issue."

His greatest disadvantage was that he was not a trained theologian, and he had the desire to "put off all questions until someone else makes a decision". Dr Runcie was "usually to be found smiling his colours to the fence".

In a separate section, the preface writer claimed that Dr Runcie used his influence to advance the careers in the church of those with whom he had been connected in the past. "A

brief biographical study will reveal the remarkable manner in which careers of so many bishops have crossed the career of Dr Runcie as students or colleagues at Westcott House and Cuddesdon (two theological colleges), as incumbents or suffragans in the diocese of St Albans or Canterbury, or as persons working in religious broadcasting at a time when he was chairman of the Central Religious Advisory Committee of the BBC and the IBA."

It was clearly unacceptable, the preface said, that so many of those promoted were the protégés of one man, and reflected his own ecclesiastical outlook.

But most of the 18-page document was taken up with a trenchant analysis of the state of the Church of England and the Anglican Communion, painting a bleak picture of its internal tensions and unresolved problems, particularly over the ordination of women. It offered three areas of interest for the church in England to pursue: in the inner cities, in rural areas, and among black Christians.

tioned among clergy who attended the consecration of the new Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Rt Rev George Carey, at Southwark Cathedral. Miss Ruth Gledhill, a reporter on *The Times*, rang to tell him that the rumours were, if anything, growing. She described him as "pretty upset", and he repeated his denial to her, as he has since done to other newspapers and to friends among the clergy.

Most poignantly of all, the Rev David Holloway of Newcastle had tried to ring him over the weekend and again on Monday night, to offer him support and to talk over tactics for Thursday's meeting.

Meanwhile, the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, replied to the anonymous

attack on Dr Runcie in a public statement, calling it "a scurrilous... sour and vindictive" attack.

But reports of Dr Bennett's involvement persisted over the weekend. One friend of his, Canon George Austin of Watford, remarked that if he was not the author he must surely have had a hand in it, whether knowingly or not.

That was his last direct contact with this newspaper.

Decision on Lewry reserved by judges

By Michael Horsnell

Captain David Lewry, former master of the ferry Herald of Free Enterprise, will know by Christmas whether his legal battle to take another ship to sea has succeeded.

Two High Court judges reserved judgement yesterday after a two-day hearing in which the captain appealed against the findings of the Zebrugga inquiry.

He is seeking to overturn the verdict that he was guilty of serious negligence — on the night last March when the ship capsized with the loss of 189 lives after sailing with her bow doors open — and the year's suspension of his certificate of competency.

Mr Justice Hirst, sitting with Mr Justice Phillips in the Admiralty Court, said that because of the matter's importance they would ensure judgement is given before the end of the legal term on December 21.

Captain Lewry's counsel, Miss Belinda Bucknall, urged the court to accept that others, including Townsend Thoresen, should share the blame.

But Mr John Reeder, for the Secretary of State for Transport, said the captain alone was responsible for the safety of his ship.

Girl friend wins back Porsche

A model was entitled to a Porsche given to her by a former boy friend, a High Court judge ruled yesterday.

Mr Farrah Safinya had sold the car after an argument with Miss Rachel Younger, but Mr Justice Michael Davies ruled that he must pay her its £11,500 value, plus interest.

Mr Safinya, a designer, of Kensington Church Street, west London, had "showered other gifts on her", including clothes worth £1,000 and a credit card, the judge said.

He did not believe that the car was only on loan to Miss Younger, aged 28.

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'Art forger victim of success'

An artist who forged nineteenth-century paintings and a dealer who sold them at auction were trapped by their success, it was alleged yesterday.

Brian Moore painted marine scenes and Richard Tuckhead presented them for auction until one fetched nearly 20 times its reserve price, Bristol Crown Court was told.

The new owner, who paid more than £19,000, took it to a restorer who recognized it as a fake. The coastline, a ship, the signature and the inscription on the back had been copied from different works.

World records set by BR pension fund

The British Rail pension fund achieved two world records when it sold its collection of Japanese prints for £1,578,720 at Sotheby's yesterday, three times what it paid for the collection in the 1970s (estimate £800,000 to £950,000).

Top lot was the "Thirty-Six Views of Fuji" by Hokusai, which sold for £605,000 (estimate £320,000 to £380,000) to International Fine Art Consultants of Hong Kong.

It was a world record for a single lot of Japanese prints. A world record for any single Japanese work of art was achieved by an elegant portrait of Onisa, a waitress from the tea-shop Takashimaya, by Utamaro, which sold for £220,000 (estimate up to £65,000) to an anonymous telephone buyer. This was twice the previous record for a single Japanese print.

Herr Joern Christiansen, the director of the Dortmund Museum is disputing the National Gallery's claim that the

winter landscape painting it has just bought for £1.5 million at Christie's Monaco is an original painting by Casper David Friedrich.

He insists that his is the original. "It is very improbable that both paintings were done by Friedrich, because

SALEROOM

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

enamel and gilt-copper box (estimate £100,000 to £150,000).

Christie's Monaco reported a record price for any lot of European furniture at its sale on Monday night, £1.6 million for a suite of four eighteenth century armchairs and a sofa

owned for generations by the Crozat family of France.

Mr Peter Hawkins, Christie's expert, said: "There were once six chairs, two sofas and two stools and they have all stayed in the family except for one stool, which is now in the Getty Museum." The Getty may well have wanted to buy the suite, but it had been declared a *monument historique* and was therefore banned from export.

It was bought by a French private buyer. The sale totalled £2.7 million, with 25 per cent unsold.

Also in Monaco, Sotheby's had a sensational sale of guns from the Charles Dräger collection. Top lot among many which quipped their estimates was a rare cased set of French percussion duelling and pocket pistols which sold for £64,317.

The entire collection had been estimated at £1 million, but it fetched £1.6 million with all but 1.5 per cent sold.

At the Phillips sale in London, apart from the Annibale Carracci painting which went for £847,000, prices were run of the mill, the highest being £187,000 for a Dutch flower painting by Simon Pieter Verelst, which had been estimated at up to £50,000. The final total was £1.9 million, with 20 per cent unsold.

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Soviet visitors lionized like stars or British royalty

From Charles Bremner
Washington

"It's just like *Amerika*", the Secret Service guard said, nodding at the hammer-and-sickle flying from the lamp-post as he watched colleagues salute two black Zil limousines with Moscow number plates pulling into the hotel garage on 16th Street.

Amerika was the television drama this year that so upset the Kremlin by depicting the United States under Soviet rule.

The Russians are everywhere in Washington, including about 130 KGB guards in their regulation synthetic mohair scarves and short raincoats. But in the glow of summit euphoria the Russians are being wooed and lionized with a fervour normally reserved for film stars and British royalty.

Invitations to the White House dinner were, as they say in New York, to kill for. The guest list, published for the curious in *The Washington Post* yesterday, included Dave Brubeck, James Stewart, Claudette Colbert and Mikhail Rostropovich, who lost his Soviet citizenship under Brezhnev.

In scenes straight out of *Ninotchka* — the Garbo classic about Russian innocents visiting Paris — Soviet officials and journalists are flooding the capital's elegant shops and restaurants and sending off invitations from the socialites scrambling to have a real Russian to dinner.

And in a curious reversal of the Moscow custom of excluding Russians from foreigners' hotels, Americans are being barred from a couple of the city's plushest hotels.

Hotel staff, trained how to say "Have a nice day" in Russian, were throwing out locals who ventured too close.

At one stage on Monday evening, a couple of Russians began handing their coats to a small old man standing in the lobby of the Madison Hotel, where Soviet VIPs are staying. An official pointed out

6 Socialites are just scrambling to have a real Russian to dinner

their mistake — the man was Dr Armand Hammer, the 89-year-old tycoon who has been doing business with the Kremlin since the days of Lenin.

Within hours of Mr Mikhail Gorbachev's arrival, secretaries who landed on his plane were

combing through the shops of Georgetown still carrying London duty-free plastic bags.

With their \$20-a-day (£11) allowances, Soviet staff have been happily accepting invitations from local colleagues to conserve valuable hard currency for hi-fi stores and jeans shops. Russian journalists have been stripping the shelves of the Radio Shack computer shops near the press centre.

In a gesture of hospitality, the city restaurant that made news by pouring its vodka into the street after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan has been offering Stolichnaya martinis. And the hotel housing the mammoth press centre has renamed its bars and restaurants "Café Glasnost".

But few of the Russians have taken up liquid hospitality. In

keeping with the new mineral-water Kremlin, they are staying out of the bars, or sipping lemonade.

This has not prevented a little surreptitious celebration. Russian staff have caused amazement at the Madison and Mayflower hotels by drinking dry the mini-bars in their rooms every day.

The Americans have been pay-

6 Armand Hammer was mistaken for a cloakroom attendant

ing the bill for this — a fact that irked Dan Rather, the senior television news "anchorman", who is still smarting from the Kremlin's refusal to accord him the Gorbachev interview.

"How could this happen?" he

asked after his breathless report of the Gorbachev arrival. "Welcome to history in the making," he proclaimed when Kremlin One, the Gorbachev flycatcher, touched down. The door opened and the first thing viewers saw was a stewardess clutching the inevitable plastic shopping bag.

In keeping with the show-business theme of the whole summit, one television commentator said that Mr Gorbachev, in his grey fedora, "looks just like Rod Steiger as he appeared in *On the Waterfront*".

Films have also entered the picture at the Soviet Embassy, where, incidentally, they had to cut out a section of the wrought-iron gate to allow Mr Gorbachev's limousine to enter the forecourt. Mr Jack Valenti, head of the

Motion Picture Association, was asked to provide video-tapes of Hollywood films for the Gorbachev entourage. These included *Top Gun* and *Platoon*. Only a year ago the Russians were complaining about a poster for *Top Gun* — a film about a young pilot who takes on a Soviet fighter.

But not everyone is happy the Russians have come. Followers of Mr Lyndon LaRouche, the ultra-right politician, have put up posters of Mr Gorbachev that show his prominent birth mark with a quotation from *Revelations*: "Behold the man with the mark of the Beast".

And a trade union refused to take down a big Solidarity flag that it has flown opposite the Soviet Embassy since martial law was proclaimed in Poland in 1981.

MOSCOW CLASHES

Kremlin speaks up for KGB actions over Jewish protest

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

As Soviet Jews and Western journalists were roughed up by plain-clothes KGB agents and uniformed militiamen for the third successive day yesterday, the Soviet Foreign Ministry publicly defended the action which has cast an ugly shadow over the Washington summit meeting.

Hours after the latest clashes in blinding snow near the Foreign Ministry, its spokesman, Mr Yuri Gromitskiy, was involved in heated exchanges with Western journalists during a briefing at which he accused a senior US correspondent, Peter Arnett, of engaging in "hooliganism".

Mr Arnett, a former Pulitzer Prize winner, responded angrily, accusing the Soviet spokesman of pronouncing him guilty without listening to his own evidence. "In a civilized country, people are presumed innocent until found guilty," he said, to the considerable embarrassment of other Soviet officials present.

Mr Arnett, one of the most distinguished US journalists during the Vietnam War and now Moscow correspondent of CNN, alleged that he had not been able to present his own case during his detention last Sunday.

"I was just confronted with 10 men twice my size and about half my age who claimed I had assaulted them," he said.

The exchanges were some of the most bitter seen at the Foreign Ministry since it began pursuing its new open policy towards the Western media. They reflected deep concern and puzzlement about the daily displays of KGB violence, which, although at odds with Moscow's attempts to improve its human rights image, appear to be sanctioned at a high level.

Mr Gromitskiy was the first official to be questioned publicly about the attacks on Jewish demonstrators and Western reporters, which began on Sunday when Mr

Arnett was arrested after being attacked by a number of KGB men and accused of assaulting a Soviet citizen with his microphone.

The Soviet spokesman dismissed as provocateurs the Jewish demonstrators — who have repeatedly had banners demanding the right to leave for Israel ripped from their hands — although eye-witnesses saw clearly that on Sunday the violence was initiated by burly KGB men wielding peace banners.

"This was not a demonstration, it was pure provocation," claimed Mr Gromitskiy.

Moscow — Mr Boris Begun, the son of the leading Jewish dissident Mr Isidore Begun, said yesterday that he was giving up his fight to keep his Soviet citizenship on emigration and he, his wife and their two children would leave for Israel in January (Reuters reports). Isidore, who received an exit visa last month after a 16-year struggle, refused to leave until his son's problem was resolved. Isidore's wife and those for his wife and mother emigrated yesterday, but Boris said that it should be possible to prolong them.

Isidore, who was challenged forcibly by a correspondent from Reuters when he claimed that the Jews had sabotaged a Soviet peace rally.

The journalist pointed out that the Jewish rally had been planned three weeks before it was decided, at 24 hours' notice, to organize a Soviet demonstration for peace in the same spot at the same hour.

Mr Gromitskiy made no effort to apologize for the rough treatment meted out by the KGB men, and he caused a gasp of astonishment from many of the hundreds of journalists present when he told them in schoolmasterly tones: "Civilized people in a civilized country during a civilized demonstration must behave in a civilized manner."

Western diplomats are

agreed that the daily clashes between the KGB, the handful of Jewish protesters, and Western reporters have made a mockery of *glasnost* at the Kremlin's publicity machine. "It shows that the KGB remains very much a law unto itself," one European envoy said.

The diplomats point out that a similar example of KGB violence against reporters and Jewish demonstrators took place in the Arbat district of Moscow on the eve of Mr Gorbachev's Kremlin Peace Forum in February. "It seems there are people determined to embarrass him at the moment it hurts worst," another diplomat said.

The KGB men involved made no bones about their contempt for the Jews and their dislike of the Western reporters. Mr Gromitskiy claimed that the Jewish demonstrations were illegal. He promised a meeting between Western journalists and Moscow police officers to determine our rights for covering protests in the city.

A few hours before he spoke, 14 Soviet Jews were roughly bundled into waiting militia vehicles as they attempted to demonstrate peacefully in Smolensk Square, which was ringed by scores of KGB men equipped with walkie-talkies.

Ukrainian arrests: Four Soviet political prisoners freed under a Kremlin pardon earlier this year were re-arrested yesterday in the Ukrainian city of Lvov, a dissident, Mr Lev Timofeyev, said (Reuters reports).

Three Ukrainian human rights activists, Mr Vyacheslav Chernovol, Mr Mikhail Goring and Mr Ivan Gell, and an Armenian dissident, Mr Paruir Aikryan, were taken off a train bound for Moscow which they had just boarded and charged with drugs offences, Mr Timofeyev said.

THE MEDIA CIRCUS

Battle of wits to manipulate world's headlines

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

Twice a day the tubby, jocular Mr Martin Fitzwater takes to the stage with the smooth, urbane Mr Gennady Gerasimov to dodge, and very occasionally to answer, the questions of 6,000 journalists covering the summit meeting.

The White House spokesman and the chief spokesman of the Soviet Foreign Ministry make an unlikely duo, but they perform with a cool, dry wit that belies the ferocity of the battle for the ear of the world's press.

The Russians cleverly proposed joint briefings to ensure that the White House could not steal all the propaganda thunder. "You answer the questions which are put in English, and I will answer all the questions in Russian," Mr Gerasimov suggested tongue-in-cheek as the first session got under way in the grand ballroom of the Marriott Hotel near the White House.

"No, no, I'll answer the easy ones — you answer the hard ones," Mr Fitzwater responded, letting loose with his easy, deep laugh. He is popular with the press corps. So is Mr Gerasimov, as smooth as Stolichnaya vodka in his tailored suits. "Which one of the capitalists?" somebody asked.

The Marlin-Gennady show is but one element of the political art form known in Washington as "spin control" — the effort to manipulate press opinion and coverage. The nerve centre of the Soviet propaganda drive is in the Madison Hotel, just



Welcome class: Mr Gorbachev being greeted by Mr Reagan in Washington yesterday.

around the corner from the Soviet Embassy on 16th Street, where affable English-speaking officials gladly fix interviews with high-ranking members of the Soviet delegation. The words *brifink* and *bekgrond* have joined the Russian language.

The good-natured Mr Gerasimov learnt his excellent English during a 1972-1978 tour of duty in New York. He was the correspondent for *Literary Gazette* and the *Novosti* news service, and is a long way from the old style of combative, close-mouthed Soviet spokesmen. "I have

two water-tight compartments in my head," he said. "One for what I can say, one for what I cannot say."

At his first double-act with Mr Fitzwater he found himself fending off awkward questions about Mrs Raisa Gorbachev, who has captivated Americans. "Is she going shopping?" he was asked. He winced visibly.

"It is not on the programme," he ventured lamely, and the press corps laughed at his discomfort. "She is invited to a tea party at the White House and other social engagements." The press de-

manded names, dates, places, addresses and times — to no avail. "*Glasnost*," a correspondent boomed irritably from the back of the room. By his side Mr Fitzwater beamed contentedly.

While Soviet officials are negotiating with journalists at the Madison Hotel about "photo-ops" and "press availability", down at the White House press room there is a constant stream of information about briefings on human rights, Afghanistan, arms control and more besides.

With this deluge the United States Information Agency hopes for a conclusive victory in the Battle of the Briefings. Mr Charles Wick, director of the agency, said wryly that he did not think he was in competition with his Soviet counterparts. "But we're not being outgunned," he added forcefully.

Russian officials have been getting big play in the press, however, because they are speaking on the record, allowing names to be used. American officials are obliged to insist on anonymity because the White House does not want any individual to start stealing headlines. The summit is strictly President Reagan's show.

On the Soviet side more than 100 reporters, photographers and television cameramen are in town, including senior editors from some of the most influential news outlets. Tass, Novosti and the state radio and television conglomerate have sent their chief executives to Washington. Pravda alone assigned six reporters to the coverage.

US retains a healthy scepticism

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goodwill towards their visitor, but also a decent scepticism.

There is much talk from the opinion-formers of the need for more Americans to get to know the Soviet Union. But, from the point of view of those who are making out that there is no inherent conflict between the two societies, would such fraternization be wise?

In between live coverage of the summit's signings and ceremonies, television fills in time by depicting life in the Soviet Union in as favourable a light as possible. From the evidence of these pictures, it does not look as if the two peoples share the same tastes.

The Soviet men toil in ancient steel mills, while the women drive combine harvesters. Mr Gorbachev is always telling them that they must work harder, pay more rent and not get drunk so often. Life here seems much jollier.

So there are probably limits to how far it can all go. None the less, for better or worse, Mr Reagan has started it. While Mr Reagan waited in the White House on Monday night, the Secretary of State, Mr Shultz, greeted Mr Gorbachev with: "We are ready." Mr Gorbachev replied: "We are ready too."

"Very interesting remarks," there," the Cable News Network commentator observed of that extremely uninteresting exchange — uninteresting, that is, unless the two leaders are ready for opposite things.

Mr Speakes wrote in a book, partly published this week, that Mrs Reagan had found Mrs Gorbachev to be "a dogmatic Marxist who... shared little of Nancy's interest in child care, fighting drug abuse or other issues of substance".

Mrs Reagan also "felt she had been used" by Mrs Gorbachev at Reykjavik, Mr Speakes wrote.

The Russians have been far more free with details of Mr Gorbachev's doings than with those of their First Lady, apparently in an attempt to minimize the kind of publicity that has been putting up backs at home. Officials said she was unlikely to be seen shopping, and declined any of the biographical details that are always being sought. Mrs Gorbachev's age or history as a university teacher are still unknown to the world.

One of the tea parties she will attend has been arranged at Mrs Gorbachev's request by Mrs Pamela Harriman, the

widow of Mr Averell Harriman, the former US Ambassador to Moscow. The guests will include prominent American women, including Senator Nancy Kassebaum, Judge Sandra Day O'Connor of the Supreme Court, and Mrs Katharine Graham, owner of *The Washington Post*.

The American media have started sizing up the Kremlin First Lady a little more critically now that she is on their home soil. "Stylish", "elegant", and so on have largely been dropped as the fashion writers have given fairly low marks to her wardrobe.

The critics have singled out for criticism Mrs Gorbachev's combination of a short silver fur coat combined with a long skirt and boots.

One Washington *her* decided to mark Mrs Gorbachev's arrival with a "Boris look-alike" contest. Candidates had to turn up in silver fox coats with just the right shade of heena in their hair.

TREATY REACTION

East and West call for further cuts

By Our Foreign Staff

Countries East and West hailed yesterday's signing of the INF accord in Washington but there were strong pleas for the disarmament to be taken much further.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany said the signing was an "historic hour" and added: "This is also our success."

He said the treaty had only been possible because of the clear position of his Government on the deployment of US medium-range nuclear missiles in West Germany.

The treaty was an important step in the right direction, but Herr Kohl hoped it would lead to disarmament in other areas. The connection between nuclear, conventional and chemical weapons systems had to be maintained.

President Mitterrand of France welcomed the accord but said the superpowers must go on to cut short the arms race in space.

"The strings of satellites around and above our heads, passing their time watching what you do in the garden, are there to intervene at any moment to destroy," he said in speech during a visit to Le Creusot, in central France.

"If we do not disarm, then we must arm in this fashion, and it will ruin us. Those who do not want to disarm are bound to over-arm."

During talks in East Berlin yesterday Herr Erich Honnecker, the East German leader,

and Mr Branko Mikotic, the Prime Minister of Yugoslavia, said the deal would bring greater stability and trust to international relations.

The East German news agency ADN said the two leaders welcomed the Washington summit and said the agreement to rid the world of medium-range nuclear missiles opened the way for disarmament and other confidence-building measures.

"They voiced their conviction that this agreement will have a favourable effect on the international climate and lead to more stability and trust in international relations," ADN said.

Herr Alois Mock, the Foreign Minister of Austria, said the treaty was a political signal for further disarmament.

"Despite all our satisfaction at this agreement, it must be admitted that the warheads of destruction are only a fraction of the nuclear potential of both superpowers," he said.

Mr Joe Clark, the Foreign Minister of Canada, said during a visit to Oslo that the treaty was "a substantial step forward". He dismissed fears that it could bring a fresh threat to NATO's northern flank, but said Canada might consider strengthening its armed forces in its wake.

At the Vatican, the Pope said he prayed that the summit would reduce the threat of nuclear catastrophe.

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PARLIAMENT

British deterrent will be kept and modernized

Britain's nuclear deterrent will remain and will be kept up to date, the Prime Minister made clear during question time.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, had asked why Mrs Thatcher wanted to inaugurate a new generation of intermediate missiles — sea-launched and air-launched — because the Soviet Union, she knew, would respond in kind.

● We have already made a good contribution to disarmament ●

Mrs Thatcher replied that all weaponry had to be modernized to be effective against the defence it would meet.

Mr Michael Heseltine (Henley, C), the former Secretary of State for Defence, said that if the Prime Minister had been told that an INF agreement had been signed in Washington, would she convey her congratulations to the United States and Soviet Union leaders?

Would she accept, on behalf of all Conservative MPs, congratulations for what she and the Government have done (Labour protests) in achieving this unique agreement?

Would she continue to remind the British public that if the Government had listened to the policies of the Opposition there would have been no agreement because that would have denied Britain the nuclear

PRIME MINISTER

strength from which to negotiate? (Conservative cheers)

Mrs Thatcher said that she was grateful to Mr Heseltine. She assumed that the INF treaty would be signed today and she would gladly convey the congratulations of Conservative MPs — and she hoped from all members of the House — to the President and the Secretary General. This was a historic event and good news for all.

She would also do her best to remind people that, but for the firmness of Britain and Nato, that agreement would never have been signed and the SS20s would still have been up and they would have had no means of persuading the Soviet Union to take them down (Labour protests and Conservative cheers).

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) then appealed for questions and answers to be heard in silence by the House.

Mr Kinnock said that he welcomed the meeting which the Prime Minister had yesterday with General Secretary Gorbachev. He said that he agreed with her view that, as she had put it, the Washington summit was the occasion to plan the way forward to more arms reduction.

Could she tell the House what contribution her Government was making to that way forward?

Mrs Thatcher said that Britain had already made a considerable direct contribution with regard to cruise missiles, having been the first to station them and therefore had a great deal to do with bringing about that treaty ... (Labour protests).

Britain had already made clear several times that it was for a 50 per cent reduction in the number of Soviet and United States missiles.

Third, Britain had been active over chemical weapons, in particular in trying to find a method of verification.

Fourth, Britain had made clear that there should be no further reduction of nuclear weapons in Europe until they were far nearer parity on conventional weapons and chemical weapons had been eliminated.

Fifth, Britain had made clear its view of the ABM treaty and its relevance to SDI and a number of other things.

Mr Kinnock said that, in addition to various other steps, many of which could be claimed with some justification, would the Prime Minister, in order to promote that way forward, drop any proposals to replace the intermediate land-based missiles, that would be removed as a consequence of the INF agreement, with sea or air-borne intermediate missiles by innovation or by the so-called process of modernization, since

● Why does she want a new generation of missiles? ●

that act of replacement would clearly nullify the INF agreement that she rightly celebrated?

Mrs Thatcher said that the INF treaty was for land-based missiles. They had a positive duty to see that other defences were modernized effectively.

Mr Kinnock wanted to know why it should involve the enhancement of intermediate

nuclear missiles by sea or air.

Mrs Thatcher said that all weaponry had to be modernized so that it was effective against the threats that it might meet. That was a very simple proposition but Mr Kinnock could not understand it.

Mr Canley Ouslow (Woking, C) said that it was good to see Mr Kinnock congratulating the Prime Minister. The next Nato priority must be the destruction of the Soviet chemical armory.

Mrs Thatcher: I have made clear on many occasions that the next step forward must be towards conventional parity with the Soviet Union. We have superior conventional forces and we must try to negotiate them down.

It is a most difficult treaty to negotiate because it is very difficult to verify that no chemical weapons are being produced because they can be produced in different factories under the binary system.

Mr Harry Cohen (Leyton, Lab) The agreement being signed today does not include a single British or Nato nuclear weapon. Did she take the opportunity to put them on the negotiating table or did she confine herself to being President Reagan's tea lady? (Labour laughter and Conservative protests)

Mrs Thatcher: No. That agreement includes several flights of weapons stationed at Greenham Common. Without them, there would never have been agreement by the Soviet Union to take down an infinitely larger number of interim weapons than Nato has.

We believe that the British independent deterrent is vital to our security. We believe that it is vital to keep the British independent nuclear deterrent, and so, I believe, do the British people.



Mrs Thatcher: The next step must be towards parity in conventional weapons.

Three-year cruise removal

Once the INF treaty was ratified and came into force, missile withdrawals would start and would be phased over three years, Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, said during Commons questions.

During that time, six operational flights of ground-launched cruise missiles would be withdrawn from Greenham Common and one from RAF Molesworth. He expected the Molesworth missiles would be among the first on the Nato side to be withdrawn. Meanwhile, the normal training pattern would continue in this country.

Mr Younger was replying to Mr Michael Mates (East Hampshire, C), who had asked about the implications of the agree-

ment for deployment of cruise missiles in this country.

Mr Denzil Davies, chief Opposition spokesman on defence and disarmament, said that if a future US president were not to supply Trident missiles to Britain, the Government would have no redress.

Mr Younger disagreed. "We have the clearest possible assurance from the US Administration that they regard themselves as committed to provide what they have undertaken to provide for our Trident programme."

Answering a later question about Britain's disarmament role after the INF agreement, Mr Younger said that the United Kingdom participated

directly in a number of arms control forums.

Mr Jeremy Corbyn (Leighton North, Lab) said that, since the Prime Minister had spent the previous day cashing in on the INF agreement, would Mr Younger say that the Government was prepared to negotiate the removal of all nuclear weapons, rather than spending its time and energy in attacking the CND in this country, which had done more to bring about the INF agreement than the Government?

Mr Younger said that it was courageous to suggest that the CND could take any credit. If their advice had been followed there would have been no agreement.

Welsh rate support praised

The Welsh rate-support grant settlement for 1988-89 was described as fair, realistic and sensible by Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, when he announced the figures in the Commons.

But Mr Alan Williams, chief Opposition spokesman on Wales, said that it would lead to cuts in council-provided services and increases in rate demands.

Mr Walker said that provision for relevant expenditure would be set at £1,894 million. That was £112.9 million, or 6.3 per cent, over 1987-88 budgets. 1.8 per cent over the expected rate of inflation and £8 million higher than the amount announced in July.

The current expenditure provision was set at £1,640 million. That was an increase of £81.9 million, or 5.3 per cent, over 1987-88 budgets and 0.8 per cent above the expected rate of inflation.

Aggregate Exchequer grant was £1,256 million. That was an increase of £30.9 million, or 6.9 per cent, over last year.

Specific and supplementary grants totalled £241.2 million, an increase of 5.8 per cent on 1987-88.

Domestic rate relief grant remained unchanged at 18.5p in the pound, and in aggregate totalled £27 million. Block grant was £987.8 million, an increase of £66.9 million, or 7.3 per cent, over last year.

Mr Williams said that £1,700 million would be required just to maintain services at their present level. Mr Walker had announced £1,640 million so there was a shortfall of £60 million.

Thatcher against 'unfair' tax

A banded community charge would just be local income tax by another name and would bear particularly heavily on people such as teachers and nurses, Mrs Thatcher said during question time.

"Income tax is paid and registered where people live, not where they live, and it would mean great burdens on local authorities."

There had been laughter when Mr Roger Kinn (Birmingham, Northfield, C) said that there was wide support in the population for rates reform and that poll tax (renewed laughter) was a sensible way to reform rates, but, in looking at that, had she considered that banded community charge was nothing more than a form of local income tax?

Mrs Thatcher agreed that it would be income tax under another name. It would involve complicated marginal relief.

● Everybody, including doctors, nurses and surgeons, was complaining about the National Health Service and asking the Government to do something positive about it, Mr Raymond Powell (Ogmore, Lab) said during question time.

"Why not do something positive now?" he asked the Prime Minister.

Mrs Thatcher said that they believed negotiation on money pay would be completed that afternoon between management and nurses. It would then be referred to the review body.

There were Opposition protests and laughter when she went on to say that the NHS was going from strength to strength in the number of in-patients treated. The number of in-patients had increased from 5,500,000 in 1978 to 6,500,000 now, with increases from 34 million to 38 million in the number of out-patients.

New rules for beer glasses

Revised regulations for beer glasses will shortly be issued by the Department of Trade and Industry and at the same time the Brewers' Society will be publishing guidelines on good dispensing practice, Lord Beaverbrook said during Lords questions.

Lord Wintley (L) said that, in a survey to discover the extent to which beer drinkers were being defrauded by short measures, trading standards officers had found that it amounted to losses of about £500,000 a year.

Lord Beaverbrook replied that there was a number of surveys by trading standards officers, who assumed the froth was not part of the drink. But in many parts of the country the custom was that the froth was part of it.

Aid for adder

Britain's only indigenous venomous snake, the adder (*Vipera berus*) is among species being considered for protection under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981.

Mr Colin Maynard, Under Secretary of State, Environment, said in a written reply that the department was considering the conservation case for some species recommended by the Nature Conservancy Council. Apart from the adder, these were allis shad (*Allosa allosa*), the basking shark (*Cetorhinus maximus*), freshwater pearl mussel (*Margaritifera margaritifera*) and 22 species of British butterflies (*Rhopalocera*).

New peer

Lord Ross of Newport, formerly Mr Stephen Ross, Liberal MP for the Isle of Wight in the House of Commons, was named in the House of Lords watched by Mr David Steel and Mrs Shirley Williams.

Savage in call for easier abortions

By Sheila Ginn, Political Staff

Dr Wendy Savage, senior lecturer at London Hospital Medical College, yesterday blamed the demand for late abortions on the reluctance of many national health service doctors to terminate pregnancies.

Disputes over the interpretation of the present abortion laws and moral objections from NHS medical staff often delayed terminations, driving many desperate women to seek abortions in private clinics.

She called for a change in the law in line with the United States and Sweden to allow abortion on demand up to 12 weeks of gestation and a campaign of family planning and sex education directed at teenagers.

Such action would deal more successfully with carrying late abortions than forcing down the time limit from 28 weeks to 24 or even 18 weeks' gestation, she argued.

She was giving evidence to the House of Lords select committee investigating the abortion laws, which is turning into an rehearsal for Mr David Alton's Bill to outlaw abortions after 18 weeks.

The peers hope to report on the working of the present laws before Mr Alton's Bill goes into its committee stage.

However it has already emerged from its hearings that a firm deadline of less than 28 weeks would stop all abortions

on young teenage girls who hide their pregnancies, on middle-aged women who do not realize for some time that they are pregnant and on those whose national health service doctors are found to be severely handicapped.

A senior peer said that, although he had previously been in favour of a cut in the time limit because of the greater chance of a very premature baby surviving, he now believed that an arbitrary deadline would lead to a huge rise in demand for private abortions.

Dr Savage told the committee: "I have to do the best for my patient and the patient usually knows best."

"Where doctors differ is how disturbed a woman has to be before they accept her case for having an abortion. I take the view that you do not have to have a woman saying that she will kill herself to accept that she cannot carry on with a pregnancy."

Dr Philip Norris, chairman of Doctors Who Respect Human Life, told the peers that he was an anti-abortionist, but testified that he believed the baby was capable of surviving outside the womb.

Spina bifida people walking around now, he added, are grateful that their condition is being put forward as a reason for carrying out a late abortion.

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PARLIAMENT EEC meeting 'important for effective cash control'

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The Prime Minister repeated the Government's determination that EEC spending should be brought under control when she reported to the Commons on the European Council meeting in Copenhagen at the weekend.

She said that the meeting had been an important move in Britain's direction towards effective and binding control of expenditure.

All members now agreed on the introduction of a new price support if agreed production levels were exceeded.

"I am glad to say," she said to cheers, "that the Commission's proposal for an oil and fats tax, which we had resisted strongly at the June European Council, was not further pursued."

She added: "I made absolutely clear that we are not prepared to see any dilution of our Fountainebleau statement". The 12 leaders had welcomed the agreement between the American Administration and Congress to reduce the US budget deficit and confirmed their commitment to run their economies soundly.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, said that he welcomed the Prime Minister's recognition that what she had said was an effective, disciplined and lasting agreement at Fountainebleau in 1984 had been in practice neither effective nor disciplined and certainly not lasting.

What did she intend to do before and at the Brussels special meeting in the new year to ensure that the move towards legally binding, effective controls on farm spending was complete and to see that Brussels in 1988 was not Fountainebleau revisited?

Mrs Thatcher said that controls were not binding because the guidelines were not respected. That was why they had made clear this time that controls must be embodied in regulations so that they were legally binding.

Mr Robert Maclean, leader of the SDP, said that it was a sad commentary of Britain's parsimony in the face of world economic matters that the best this summit could do was stand on the sidelines.

It congratulated the US Administration and Congress on reaching agreement because its members could not coordinate their own domestic response to this dangerous situation.

Tory MPs demand tougher union laws

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Right-wing Conservative MPs are attempting to extend still further the curbs on trade union power encompassed in the Government's employment Bill.

They have tabled clauses to outlaw closed shops and oblige members to opt in rather than out of their union's political funds. At present the Bill simply abolishes a union's immunity from prosecution for seeking to maintain a closed shop, but will not get rid of the closed shop. Previous legislation obliges unions to hold ballots on whether members should contribute to their political fund, and to date all have decided that they should.

Both new clauses have been tabled by Mr Graham Riddick, MP for Colne Valley, with support from other Tories on the standing committee examining the Bill.

Mr Riddick believes that his new clauses will be incorporated into the next round of employment legislation even if they fail this time.

Private schools 'should use national courses'

Detailed scrutiny of the Government's education Bill began yesterday with a fierce Opposition attack on the fact that the national curriculum will apparently apply to state schools but not to independent schools.

At least three Tory members of the standing committee on the Bill are believed to be sympathetic to this argument.

They could embarrass the Government by voting for an Opposition amendment if Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, does not dispel their fears when the committee next meets tomorrow.

Mr Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, expressed outrage that the national curriculum should apply to his own children but not to those of Cabinet members who were privately educated. "If the national curriculum is to mean anything as a guarantee of standards it is critically

Mrs Thatcher said that there were 12 members in the Community. In his party, they would think that quite a lot (Conservative laughter).

"We have to get agreement among all of them. Each is naturally concerned to do the best for his own country. It is not easy."

"We did a great deal of work which will count in reaching the final decision."

Mr Terence Higgins (Worthing, C) said that the House last agreed an increase in own resources on the clear understanding that there would be effective budgetary discipline.

Mrs Thatcher said that the decision of the agriculture ministers amounted to more than the money available.

"It is that situation which we simply must stop. That is why the Commission is now drafting binding regulations. It is up to us, separate member states, to see that those regulations are effective, however detailed."

"That is why we would give no figure for increases in resources until we make certain that the regulations would be binding."

Mr David Curry (Skipton and Ripon, C) asked the Prime Minister to resist intense pressure to reach a compromise at the European Council in February because she would be supported by the House in seeking a delayed long-term deal rather than yet another unsatisfactory, short-term compromise.

Mrs Thatcher: We will be under intense pressure, but we also apply intense pressure and several of us are determined to tackle agricultural surpluses.

Mr Bruce Goss (The Wrekin, Lab) said that the only way to get a sensible food policy was for decisions to be made in Britain and not in Brussels.

Mrs Thatcher disagreed and said that farmers had benefited considerably from the CAP. In a further reply, she said that the French Prime Minister had assured her that no ransom money had been paid for the hostages held in Beirut and that there was no question of supplying arms to Iran.

Mr Roy Hattersley (East Antrim, OUP) asked whether in her talks with Mr Haughey she had raised the question of the extradition of Charles Crawford, believed to be the mastermind behind the Enniskillen Remembrance Day massacre and other murders in Northern Ireland?

Mrs Thatcher said that she had let the Taoiseach know her views on extradition and the worth of feelings of herself and the House. She had been assured that if the changes did not result in effective extradition procedures they would be reviewed, because Mr Haughey was anxious that those accused of crimes should be brought before the courts.

Close encounter at Smithfield



Kelly Harcourt, aged 15 months, taking stock of the best of British farming yesterday when her parents, Mr Chris Harcourt and his wife Carmen, from Dyfed, west Wales, took her to the Royal Smithfield show. (Photograph: Dennis McNeelance).

Soviet growers 'may threaten West'

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

A warning that the Soviet Union might soon offer a greater economic than military threat to the West was given yesterday by Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales.

Mr Walker, who has held the agricultural and industrial portfolios, said that one of the most interesting things about the Gorbachev years would be how successful he was in

increasing Soviet farm output.

It was all very well for the Russian and American leaders to be engaged in what, it was hoped, would be friendly talks, but nothing had been friendlier to the United States in the past than the consistent failures of the Soviet harvest.

In Moscow there was the biggest school in the world training people in Western

methods, and it was notable how the number of delegations to and from places such as Argentina was increasing.

He had no doubt that the Russians hoped to move into western markets in the coming years.

Mr Walker, addressing a seminar at the Royal Smithfield Show in London, said that the problems of excess

production should not obscure the fact that every government had a duty to maintain the basic stability of its agriculture.

To expect European countries to abandon their farmers and simply import food from the cheapest source would be unrealistic. No government could allow its agriculture to be destroyed.

Fallow fields may provide rich harvest

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Wheat and barley farmers may soon be paid up to £80 a year for each acre of land they leave fallow.

Mr John MacGregor, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said yesterday that he hoped a new scheme to reduce surplus food production could be implemented from April 1 next year.

Introducing a consultative document on agriculture, he said a provision of £16.5 million had been made in the public expenditure estimates in 1989-90 for farmers who took land out of production, and £22 million had been set aside for 1990-91.

He said his proposals were designed to achieve a proper balance between food production and nature conservation. Suggestions for improvements would be welcomed.

The proposals apply only to producers of cereals and beef, the surplus commodities of most immediate concern in Britain. Payments are recommended to farmers who reduce land under cultivation by at least 20 per cent for a minimum of five years or who make a similar reduction in herd numbers.

Land taken out of production must be left fallow, afforested or used for other non-agricultural purposes.

For cereals, one approach would be to set a single flat rate of compensation, perhaps between £150 and £200 a hectare (£60-£80 an acre), which would provide an adequate incentive to take land out of production.

Alternatively, farmers could be invited to tender for compensation payments.

Land not left fallow could be planted with trees or used to establish new activities and enterprises, such as camping.

Beef farmers would qualify for compensation by effecting cuts of at least 20 per cent in their herds. Land freed from grazing must not be used for other agricultural purposes. The consultative document

Woodlands should be planted on the outskirts of cities and a "New Forest" created in the Midlands, the Countryside Commission says in a policy document published today.

A national forestry policy based solely on timber production can no longer be justified, it says. In future, forestry should incorporate conservation, rural employment and wildlife objectives.

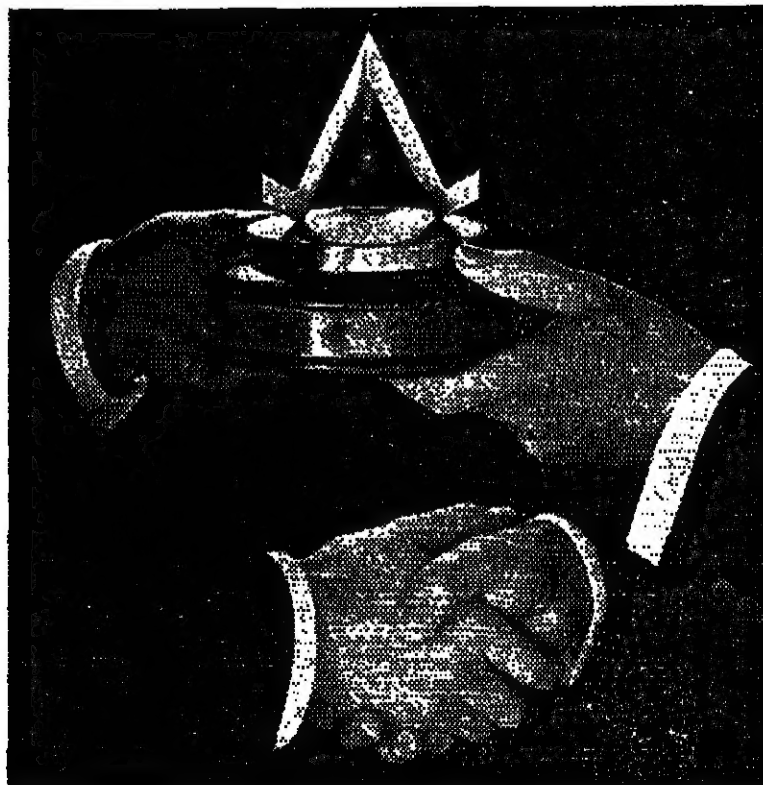
County councils, national parks and metropolitan districts should all prepare strategies for afforestation. The commission cites Epping Forest and Cannock Chase as "urban fringe forests" of great recreational value.

The report adds that a large forest in the Midlands covering about 150 square miles would benefit tourism and take a significant amount of farmland out of production.

concedes that this scheme would be complex to administer, and invites alternative suggestions.

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FBI looks at hijack theory in California plane crash

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

The FBI is investigating the possibility that armed hijackers may have been responsible for Monday afternoon's crash of a British-Aerospace-made passenger jet, owned by Pacific South West Airlines, in which all 43 passengers and crew died.

Two minutes before the commuter jet from Los Angeles to San Francisco crashed in mountainous cattle-ranch terrain near the Pacific Ocean at Paso Robles, about 200 miles north of Los Angeles, two frantic radio reports from the pilot said there was gunfire on board.

The message, monitored by local traffic controllers, indicated that the four-engined BAe jet was burning on its port side and there was smoke in the cockpit. A Sacramento lawyer, Mr Stephen Kronick, flying to Paso Robles, said he and the pilot of his small plane heard the crash pilot mention gunfire. Then there was silence.

Mr Richard Bretzing, the agent in charge of the FBI

office in Los Angeles, said yesterday: "The indication of gunshots makes the possibility more intense that there has been a crime aboard the aircraft."

Monday's crash was the first accident involving the BAe 146-200 since the 100-seat jet went into wide use in the US three years ago. There are now 78 BAe 146-200s and its smaller version in service in the US.

● LONDON: Crash investigators believe that the pilot may have been shot by a berserk gunman (Our Air Correspondent writes).

The 146, the world's quietest airliner, has many safety facilities. If shots were fired in the passenger cabin, it is unlikely that the fuselage would have suffered sufficient damage to cause the aircraft to crash. The jet was flying at about 22,000ft and with the cabin pressure at about 4,000ft, the fuselage could have sustained large holes with almost no effect on the aircraft's handling.

Paris expels Khomeini foes to Gabon

From Philip Jacobson, Paris



Iranian exiles demonstrating outside the French Embassy in London yesterday at the Mujahedin expulsions by France.

Barely 24 hours after their detention in a round-up by French police, 17 members of the People's Mujahedin organization, which opposes the Khomeini regime in Iran, were expelled yesterday to the West African state of Gabon.

Apart from three Turkish militants, all were Iranians who claimed to have been properly registered with the French authorities as political refugees. Another eight Iranian Mujahedin and one more Turkish sympathizer were placed under house arrest within France.

According to their lawyers in Paris, legitimate efforts to prevent or delay deportation of the 17 men had been ignored by the authorities. "Now you see the price paid to Ayatollah Khomeini," said the lawyers' spokesman. "The ministries of the interior and police preferred to use an aircraft rather than the corridors of justice. As cynicism goes, it was a master stroke."

There was further sharp criticism yesterday of the French Government for what is seen by a good many observers here as part of an understanding reached between France and Iran to secure the freedom of French hostages in Lebanon and improve relations.

"A tip or a payment on account?" asked *Le Monde*, noting that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees had written to the French Foreign Ministry to ask the Government to "review" its deporting the Iranians.

To judge by the utterings of M Charles Pasqua, the combative Interior Minister, who played a central role in the negotiations with Iran, any response will be short and sharp. "People settling in our country with the intention of organizing terrorism will be expelled," he declared not long after the police round-up. "We don't take lessons about this from anyone."

The Secretary of the opposition Socialist Party, M Lionel Jospin, has demanded to know if the Government was committed to "obeying orders from Iran". If the deported Mujahedin really had posed a threat to public order, he said, why had nothing been done about them until now?

At a press conference near Paris, the French wife of one of the Iranian dissidents, taken away by police at dawn on Monday, denounced the expulsions as "a stain on the honour of France".

For its part, the Interior Ministry was no more forthcoming than it had been after Monday's police operation. According to a spokesman, the expulsions had been carried out immediately "for pressing reasons of national security".

The ministry would not speculate why the 17 had been sent to Gabon when their leader, Mr Massoud Rajavi, had chosen Iraq to carry on the struggle after being "expelled" to leave France last year, not long before a warning of relations between Paris and Tehran.

Afghan fighting cuts off town

Delhi — Reports of extreme food shortages in the besieged south-eastern Afghan town of Khost have reached diplomats in Kabul (Michael Hamlyn writes). All four roads leading to the little town, which is close to the Pakistan border, have been cut by Mujahidin guerrillas, and supplies to the beleaguered government garrison are not being allowed through.

The Soviet command has sent elite troops and helicopter-borne commandos to lift the siege, so far without success. Western diplomats here say that a big column of relief supplies left Gardez late last week along the Zadrin road, but was stopped just outside the town. Fighting around Khost is reported to be unusually bloody this year, with a responsible medical source telling diplomats in Kabul that hospitals there have had the busiest week since the beginning of hostilities. As many as 120 wounded a week are being brought to just one of the capital's hospitals, including civilians said to be suffering badly from high-altitude Soviet bombing.

Gaza plan Stinger scorned

Jerusalem — A controversial plan to end the military control of the occupied Gaza Strip and dismantle the 15 Jewish settlements there has been put forward by Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, while a manhunt continues for the murderer of an Israeli in the area (Ian Murray writes).

His suggestion brought an immediate storm of condemnation from the offices of Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister. One of the closest advisers said: "Peres's suggestion is so far from the truth that it is unbelievable. It is inconceivable to raise such an idea a day after the murder of an Israeli citizen in Gaza."

Nicosia (AP) — Iran, claiming for the first time to have used the weapon against Iraq, said yesterday that its Revolutionary Guards shot down a Soviet-made Iraqi warplane with a US-designed Stinger missile. A Revolutionary Guards statement said that the MiG21 was hit over the Fao peninsula, and that the pilot, who bailed out before the plane crashed into the northern Gulf, had not been found. Iraq, which denied the loss of any aircraft this week, claimed a fresh shipping strike in the Gulf. Lloyds said it appeared that an Iranian tanker, the 317,824-tonne Alamoot, had been hit on Iran's oil shuttle run.

Seoul student protest

Seoul (AP) — Hundreds of South Korean students chanting "down with the military dictatorship" occupied the headquarters of the two main opposition parties yesterday to demand that they field a single presidential candidate in next week's election. They called on the Reunification Democratic Party leader, Mr Kim Young Sam, and the head of the Party for Peace and Democracy, Mr Kim Dae Jung, to agree on just one of them running to ensure that the Government is defeated. The students said the two had until tomorrow to reach agreement or face unspecified action.

It's 'Santa' Muldoon

Wellington — Sir Robert Muldoon, the bellicose former New Zealand Prime Minister, has swapped his well-known scowl for a benign smile. These days he is beaming out of newspaper advertisements, right, as a jovial Father Christmas (Richard Long writes).

Sir Robert's move to cash in on Christmas consumerism involves the promotion of a woollen underblanket, but it left him out in the cold in Parliament yesterday. Government MPs accused him of lacking patriotism and undermining New Zealand industry because he is promoting an Australian product.



Death toll rises in Natal faction feud

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

As representatives of two rival black political factions prepared today to hold their second round of peace talks in two weeks in Pietermaritzburg, the capital of Natal province, police reported that seven more people had been killed in internecine warfare in the region.

So far local leaders of the United Democratic Front (UDF), the radical nationwide alliance of anti-apartheid bodies, and Inkatha, a more conservative Zulu-based political organization, have been unable or unwilling to stop the murderous feuding.

It is estimated that the brutal rivalry between the two groups for control of the black townships round Pietermaritzburg has taken at least 200 lives this year, about 70 of them in the last two months.

According to the police, six black men aged between 40 and 67 were killed on Monday night in the Taylor's Halt area near Pietermaritzburg by a group of younger men who set fire to their homes.

The killings appear, from the evidence of local sources, to have been the work of young UDF militants who sought out Inkatha supporters, presumably in vengeance for murders of UDF supporters by Inkatha activists.

A seventh body, that of a 22-year-old black man who had been stabbed and beaten to death, was also found in the Taylor's Halt area. Judging by his youth, he seems likely to have been a UDF member.

UDF spokesmen claim that a serious obstacle to progress in the peace talks is the alleged refusal of the police to take action against Inkatha "warlords", despite abundant testimony of their involvement in murder and violence.

The leader of Inkatha, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, maintains that his followers resort to violence only in self-defence. At a meeting last week-end Inkatha members resolved to continue to defend themselves "in the honoured idiom of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth".

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Geldof follows in weary footsteps of hungry farmers

From Paul Vallely, Addis Ababa

It is only by travelling on foot over some of the most demanding terrain in Africa that several million peasant farmers in Ethiopia can make any contact with the outside world, as Bob Geldof discovered this week during a seven-hour trek across the highlands of Gondar province.

Mr Geldof set off to examine the inaccessibility of the huge Abyssinian plateau, which is heavily dissected by plunging gorges and steep valleys. Here the people can receive food supplies only by mule or on the back of a farmer. The walk became a chronicle of the environmental and human degradation in the region.

It began in Muja Robit, a small market town where in normal times herders trade their goats and sheep for grain, salt, pepper and coffee. But these were not normal times.

At the front of the market the herders stood in pathetic isolation. One of the first indices of famine is that grain prices rise dramatically while livestock prices fall as farmers sell stock animals to buy food. In Muja Robit it was not just a question of low prices. There were no buyers at all.

Shimalis Dessie, a farmer aged 43, stood with four scrawny sheep. He wanted 12 birr (about £3.60) for the thinnest and 56 birr for the best. Still there were no buy-

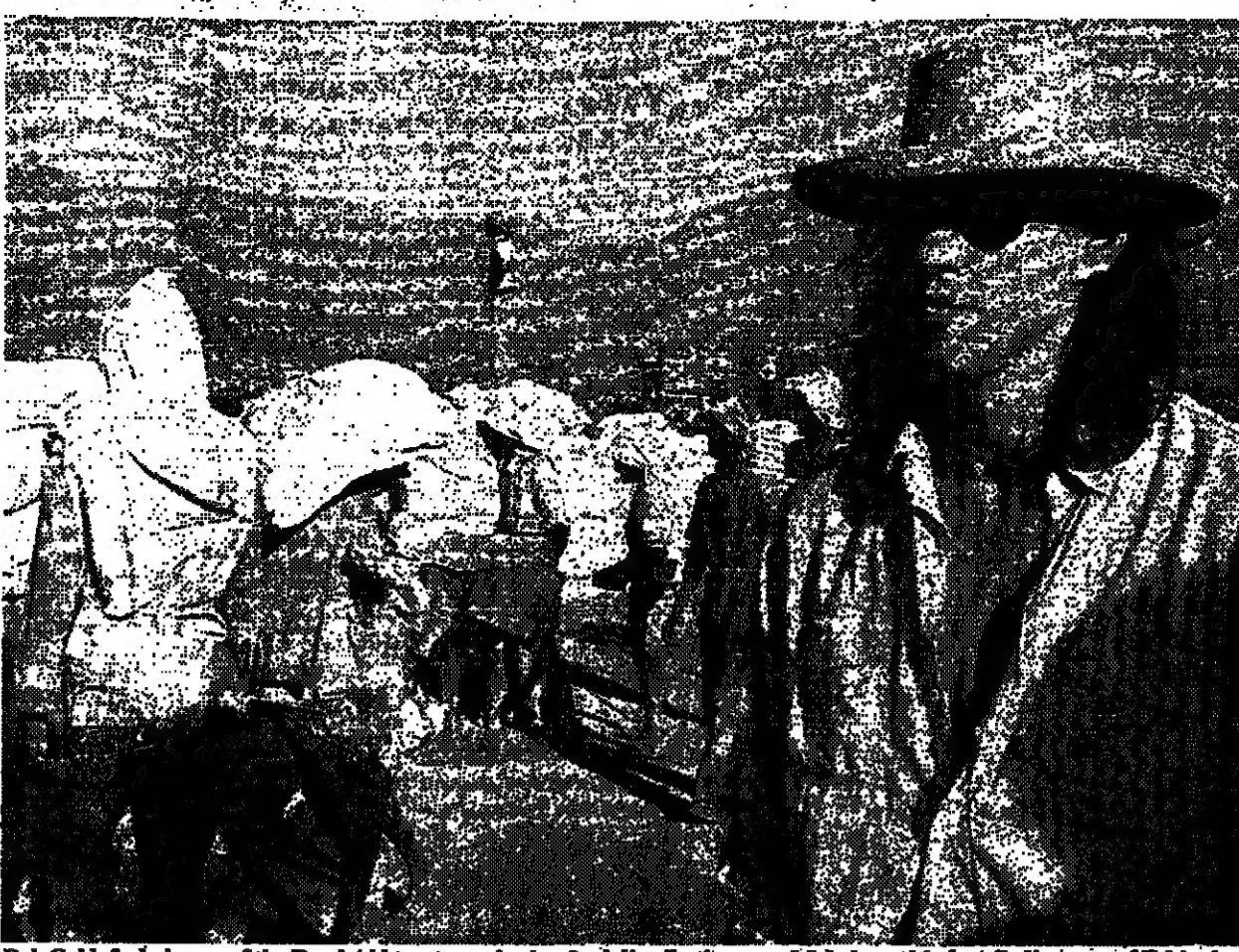
ers. "What can I do?" he asks Bob Geldof. "All the crops failed — sorghum, teff, chickpeas." In a good year he would have harvested more than a ton. But good years are becoming rare. So he walked for 10 hours to the market. He had already sold eight other sheep. Next he would sell his cow and his ploughing ox.

Not far off a woman with a cloth spread on the ground before her was selling teff — the staple cereal in Ethiopia. She was getting a good price: three cups for one birr, which was quadruple the normal price. But, she said, she was not selling a surplus. Like everyone else, she had a failed harvest. What was on sale was all she had.

Then why sell it, asked the Band Aid chairman?

To pay taxes: 20 birr land tax, five birr to the peasants' association, three birr to the women's association and three birr to the youth association, the woman said. Then she would have nothing left to live on. She had eight children but her husband was dead.

The Geldof party spent the night in the highland village of Yitirata, on the edge of a precipice. Here, too, the crop had failed, though the family in whose hut Mr Geldof slept had somehow found meat for their guests. They refused to eat with him. It was a fast day, they told him. In Ethiopia more than 200 such fasts every



Bob Geldof, chairman of the Band Aid trustees, viewing food distribution near Mekele on his fact-finding tour of Ethiopia.

year are strictly observed by the rural people. In 1985 even the dying observed them in the refugee camps.

Next day he rose before

dawn. A group of farmers, acting as bearers, led the way down perilous paths along ridges and steep valleys of immense grandeur. Three

hours later, at the bottom, they traversed a totally dry river bed. A party of walkers approached. They had been trav-

elling for three days and were two days away from the Government's resettlement camp at Metema. One of the men had a daughter there who

had just given birth. They were going to see the baby, they said, but it was clear that their main purpose was to look over the camp.

The 4½-hour climb to the top of the next ridge was exhausting. By now the sun was hot and the thin air made the smallest effort wearying. Bob Geldof surrendered gladly to a mule for the final stages of the climb to the village of Benat, wedged 6,700 ft high at the top of a ridge.

In the centre of the tiny village, where the terraces of arable land were no more than 15 ft wide, Asmamaw Derese, an old man in his forties, stood by his hut door. He did not invite the guests in. He had no hospitality to offer.

All his crops had failed. He had sold all his sheep. His wife had gone off with the last of the money to buy grain. If she got back that night they would eat. Next he would sell his five cattle and his ox. Then, the man said, he would die.

Others on this bare mountain were not so resigned. One man had a brother who had gone to Metema. He had written and said it was not too bad. Some of the younger people were considering going too. The old ones would die where they were born.

A helicopter arrived for the pop star. The 'beaters' were paid and set off home.

The next day at the resettlement camp in Metema, a

chairman of the peasants' association, was from Benat. He had left three years before and had no regrets.

Metema was a good 20 degrees hotter. It was malarial. But it was fertile. Of 6,137 settlers, only 671 had decided to go home. Harvests were 90 per cent of capability, the chairman said. The virgin site, now cleared of forest, had produced enough sorghum and maize for self-sufficiency.

The Government plans to resettle another 60,000 families this year. About 100 settlers had arrived that day, and Bob Geldof went to talk to them. One farmer, Gebre Makonnen, sitting in a makeshift shelter with his wife and four children, said that when the food ran out in his village he walked to Benat, where during the last famine he had lived for a year in a refugee camp.

This time, he said, there was no food. "If they had food there I would have taken it and gone home. But officials told me either to go home without food or to come to resettlement. I came. Now I will never go back."

Earlier in the week aid officials had told Mr Geldof that between 6,000 and 12,000 people from rebel-held areas had spontaneously gathered in Benat. He asked government officials if he could go and look. No, they said, that would not be possible. Anyway there is no one there now. They have all gone.

Gibraltar milestone

Hassan legacy of airport issue

From Dominique Searle, Gibraltar

Twenty years after they chose to stay British in a referendum, Gibraltarians are today seeking a new political direction after the resignation yesterday of Sir Joshua Hassan, their long-serving Chief Minister.

He leaves behind for his successors: the controversial choice between the promise of economic expansion, linked to sharing Gibraltar's airport facilities with Spain, or maintaining the status quo.

As the man largely responsible for having forged the framework from Gibraltar's parliamentary system which he himself dominated, Sir Joshua saw the choice element of the aviation agreement as a step forward in that democratic process.

He has called the arrangement for joint use of Gibraltar airport, worked out in intense negotiations between Britain and Spain under the EEC's aegis last week, a "good deal" which does not infringe on sovereignty. But neither he nor his "left" apparent, Mr Adolfo Canepa, is saying whether he will back it politically.

Sir Joshua's greatest rival, Mr Joe Bossano, the leader of the Opposition, has already said that he will reject the joint-use option and will probably fight at the European Court for Gibraltar's inclusion in the EEC's cheaper air fares package.

As everyone on the Rock waited for a lead from the Chief Minister, Sir Joshua said at the weekend that Gibraltarians are not at this moment psychologically ready to make an objective choice. He knew that he could sway public opinion, but clearly did not want to face the risk of losing an election at this stage of his career.

Informed sources had been indicating that, with Mr Bossano committed to reject the airport deal, the government party may have decided to wait until it could see the true impact of the package on Europe, and then call an election on the basis that it would consult the people before making a firm decision on the airport.

"I have an inclination to call it a day," Sir Joshua, aged 72,

said recently. "If I do not retire now it must be next time, biologically it must be so. But I am under pressure to carry on from a wide circle of people who think it is in the public interest."

Were it not for continued pressure from the Spanish claim to sovereignty over Gibraltar, Sir Joshua's greatest political gamble — accepting in February, 1985, the Brussels agreement on opening Gibraltar's frontier with Spain — would have made the inhabitants of the Rock believe they had never had it so good.

After 16 years of harsh restriction and a collapsed economy, life for the Gibraltarians was transformed overnight from virtual bankruptcy to potential profitability.



Sir Joshua: Pleas kept him at helm when ready to go.

But events like the mass demonstration against concessions to Spain a month ago show that the euphoria which surrounded the frontier opening is over, even though the private-sector economy is finding its feet because of the ease of access.

Apart from his experience in dealing with successive British governments, Sir Joshua had two main sources of power. First, his intimate knowledge of the tactics Spain used in pursuit of its sovereignty claim allowed him to appeal to the electorate for trust. Secondly, Gibraltar's paradox of being a village with a national voice was handled by the Chief Minister as if nothing could be more natural.

Hong Kong snub

Mr Martin Lee QC, an elected member of Hong Kong's Legislative Council and an outspoken critic of the pace of reform there, walked out of a meeting at the Foreign Office yesterday when the minister he was seeing refused to meet all nine members of a delegation from the colony (Nicholas Beeston writes). He spent only five minutes with the Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Lord Glenarthur, who has responsibilities for the territory, before leaving the meeting.

Prices soar

Ankara (Reuters) — Prices of some consumer goods were increased by as much as 100 per cent and rail fares by a third as part of Turkey's austerity programme.

Peking change

Peking (Reuters) — A large statue of Mao Tse-tung was blown up here to make way for a library paid for by a Hong Kong capitalist.

Games threat

Geneva (Reuters) — Señor Juan Antonio Samaranch is to call on his Olympic executive to ban from future Games states boycotting the event in Seoul, South Korea, next year.

Avalanche toll

Lima (AFP) — Rescue workers counted 67 dead and 200 missing in the wake of floods and avalanches which cut off a dozen villages in central and south Peru, officials said.

Nude jogging

Nice (Reuters) — French police have been told to prohibit nude joggers after complaints from strollers on the Promenade des Anglais.

Muted protest

Port-au-Prince (AFP) — Haitians only partially observed the second day of a general strike called to demand the resignation of the ruling National Governing Council.

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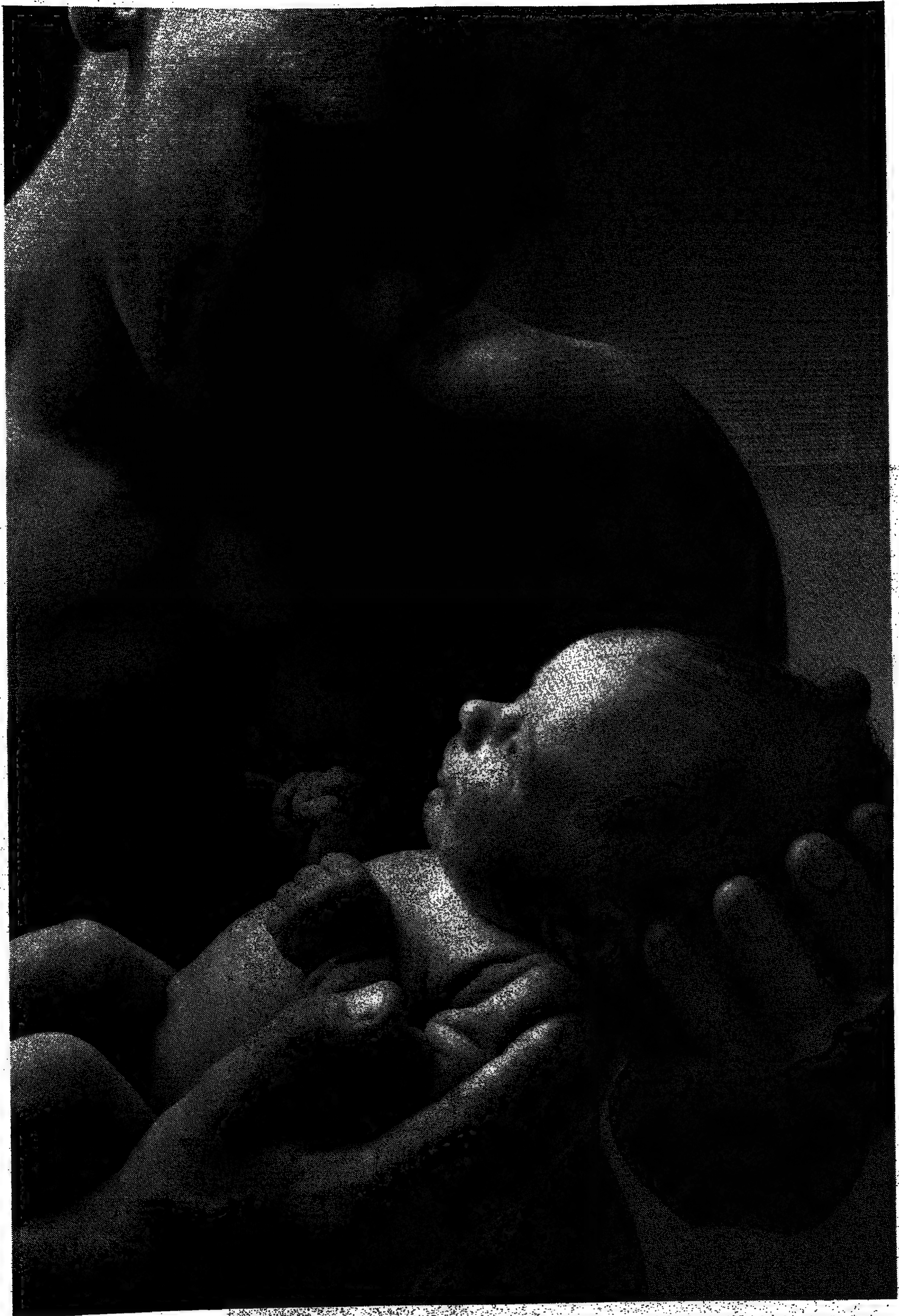
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Managua's capture of US pilot reopens Contra arms issue

From David Collob in Managua and Martha Honey in San José, Costa Rica

A Cessna 162 plane flown by an American citizen has been shot down over Nicaraguan territory and the pilot captured, the Nicaragua Defence Ministry announced in Managua yesterday.

Documents found on the plane showed that the US pilot, identified as a Mr James Jordan Denby, was engaged "in the illegal activities of the US Government against Nicaragua", a Defence Ministry official said, reading from a prepared statement.

In October last year another US citizen, Mr Eugene Hasenfus, was captured when a plane carrying arms for the Contra rebels also came down in Nicaragua. Mr Hasenfus, the only survivor from the plane, was eventually released after he publicly confessed his links with the Contras and US intelligence and apologized to the Sandinista Government for his activities.

The Cessna, shot down on Sunday, was forced to make an emergency landing after anti-aircraft fire damaged the fuel tank, the Defence Ministry official said. It landed near the town of San Juan del Norte, close to the Costa Rican border, on Nicaragua's Atlantic coast, about 300 miles south-east of Managua.

On Monday the Costa Rican newspaper, *La Nación*, reported that a Cessna aircraft piloted by a man with a similar name to that of Mr

James Denby was missing while en route from Honduras to Costa Rica. The newspaper published a diagram allegedly showing the plane's presumed flight path.

A report on official Radio Sandino described Mr James Denby as a "mercenary" connected with Contra supply operations run from a secret airstrip in Costa Rica, on land allegedly owned by an American rancher, Mr John Hull. Mr Hull has repeatedly denied claims of involvement in CIA-run covert operations against Nicaragua.

Contra, CIA and mercenary sources in Costa Rica confirmed yesterday that during the last few years Mr Denby has worked with Mr Hull. Mr Denby, aged 60, is a farmer from Carlinville, Illinois, who owns farm property along Costa Rica's border with Nicaragua. He has admitted in press reports that Contras have trained and lived on his farmland.

Sources in Costa Rica also claim that he was connected with the secret arms supply network set up by the former US National Security Council aide, Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North. In addition, he is said to have worked with a group of foreign mercenaries arrested in Costa Rica in 1975, including a British citizen, Mr Peter Glibbery. Mr Denby allegedly assisted several of them to flee Costa Rica.

Expected to be presented to the press in Managua within the next few days, Mr Denby could provide details about how this clandestine supply network has continued to function in the wake of the Iran-Contra scandal.

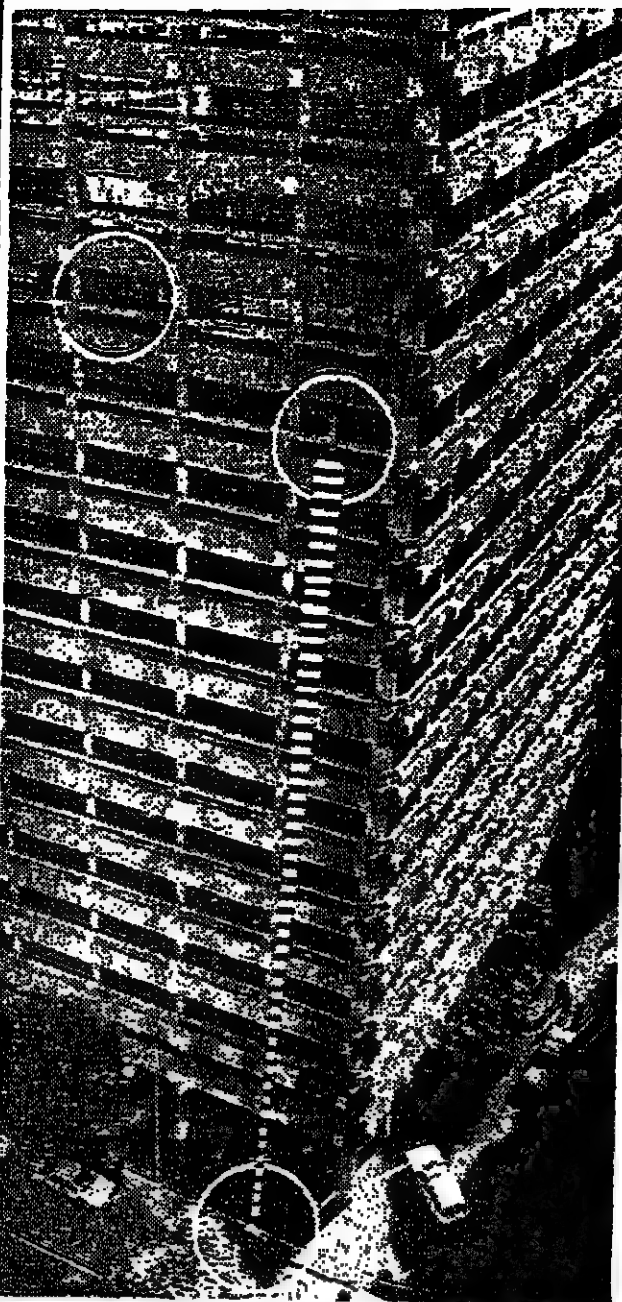
● **BOGOTÁ:** Fresh allegations in the Iran-Contra scandal of links between Colonel Oliver North's private aid network to the Contras and Colombian cocaine racketeers have surfaced in the Colombian press (Geoffrey Matthews writes).

The allegations are made in an interview with the Bogotá publication, *Cromos Magazine*, given by a Puerto Rican woman and US citizen dubbed "Wanda Doe" by a US Senate committee which heard her Iran-Contra testimony in private.

In essence, she supports claims that Colonel North's team forged an unholy arms-for-cocaine alliance with the drug barons whose smuggling expertise was used to ferry CIA arms to the Contra insurgents.

She also claims Colonel North was tricked by the racketeers, who instead of running the arms exclusively to the Contras, hedged their bets on the final outcome of the Nicaraguan conflict by splitting them evenly between the insurgents and the Sandinistas.

Gunman leaps to his death after killings



The post office building with markers showing the windows broken by the gunman and the course of his suicide fall.



An ambulance wheeling away one of the five workers injured in yesterday's shooting.

From Keith Dalton, Sydney

A 22-year-old man armed with a rifle shot dead four office workers and injured five more after an argument yesterday in a post office building in the centre of Melbourne. He then fought off employees and jumped 12 storeys to his death.

Four people were killed inside a lift in the Queen Street building as the unidentified man walked through several floors, firing indiscriminately, police said.

An ambulance officer, Mr Ian Patrick, said: "It was a slaughterhouse. It was a gruesome sight." He spoke after ambulance workers had combed the building for victims of the city's bloodiest shooting in years. They found five other people injured, one of them seriously.

Police have not yet identified the man, whose body remained face down on the roped-off pavement hours after police began investigating the mass shooting. They said he carried a military-style rifle and ammunition.

A secretary outside the 19-storey building

told how he rampaged through three floors, firing at will as office workers dived for cover beneath desks. The 20 or more shots caused panic in the street below. Motorists hid inside cars and pedestrians ran to safety, bringing to a halt one of the city's busiest streets.

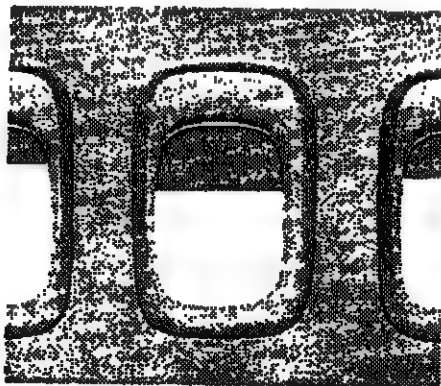
The Victoria state assistant commissioner for crime, Mr Vaughan Werner, told a press conference: "We have not been able to establish any particular motivating factor." He denied official reports that the gunman had intended to rob a credit union on the fifth floor, saying only that the armed man had had a "confrontation" with another man before he began his shooting.

Tackled by office workers on the 11th floor, he was disarmed but was able to smash a window and plunged headlong through the opening. A witness in the building opposite said: "He was caught by the legs. They grabbed him and tried to pull him back in, but he kicked loose and fell."

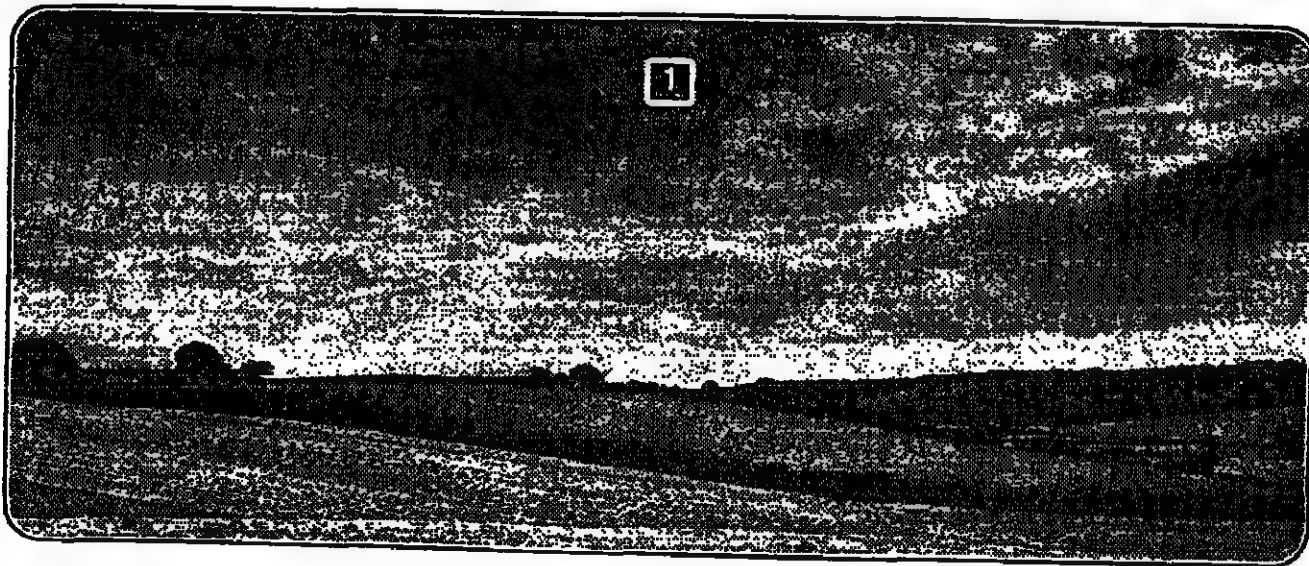
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Yugoslavs seek to ease debt burden

From Dena Trevisan, Belgrade

How close Yugoslavia's troubled economy is to collapse has been revealed at a meeting of the Central Committee. Mr Jancic Zmijaric, the Deputy Prime Minister, announced that the country is no longer able to service its external \$20,000 million (£11,100 million) debt and needs long-term rescheduling to reduce the annual burden.

Yugoslavia has so far paid more than \$14,000 million (£7,700 million) on servicing its debt in the course of four years, using up almost half of its export earnings in the process. Talks with foreign creditors are due to begin early in the new year and are expected to ease the debt burden and enable the country to revive its economy.

The Government claims that high inflation is caused by this foreign debt burden as well as other domestic economic problems which have brought industrial growth practically to a standstill.

Inflation, which is spiralling and could top 200 per cent before the end of the year, is expected to be reduced once the Government's so-called anti-inflationary programme gets going. The Government is intent on reducing public spending and it has already imposed drastic wage freeze and credit restrictions.

However, because the whole range of basic essentials from food to electricity recently rose by an average of 50 per cent, this has already pushed living costs up by 20 per cent in one month alone and brought about yet another series of strikes.

Workers, more than half of whom are said to be living on the verge of poverty, are leaving the trade unions, which they accuse of doing nothing to safeguard their interests. People are leaving the Communist Party, too, because they are frustrated by its inability to come to grips with the economic and political crises.

Letter from Ouagadougou

Race for Utopia slows to a crawl

There are no traffic jams in Ouagadougou. The occasional car or lorry is outnumbered by the myriad motor scooters and bicycles which proceed at a moderate pace down the wide, tree-shaded streets in town centre.

There are no skyscrapers either in this truly African town. The colours of the roomy, colonial-style houses are the same as those of the red and ochre African earth. Most of the low, airy buildings in the town house ministries and government offices with such names as the Ministry for Water, the Ministry for Herds and Grazing, and the Ministry for Peasantry.

Ouagadougou is the capital of Burkina Faso — the new name given to Upper Volta by Captain Thomas Sankara when he seized power in 1983 at the start of a fiercely nationalist revolution. Everywhere there are signs of Captain Sankara's revolution — only the man himself is missing, shot dead six weeks ago in a presidential palace shoot-out between rival military factions. The coup has brought his long-time friend and closest colleague, Captain Blaise Compaoré, into the presidential hot seat.

Burkina Faso means "the land of the dignified". It was this vision of a truly independent, dignified nation that drove Captain Sankara to commit the excesses which, it is said, made him towards the end of his presidency unapproachable. There are slogans on every bus stop in town with such claims as "Burkina is the tomb of imperialism" and "Self-sufficiency above all".

Roadside kiosks selling produce like eggs, fruit and vegetables bear slogans exhorting people to eat only Burkina food. A sign outside a walled compound states: "Get your frozen Burkina rabbit here — 21 per cent more protein".

Walking down the main avenue in the rush hour means mingling with numbers

of calmly strolling pedestrians and a procession of mopeds leaving small clouds of white exhaust fumes in the clear African air. Every now and then along the roadside a man can be seen in the shade of a tree doing instant bicycle repairs.

Under President Sankara, offices shut early on Mondays and Thursdays so that everyone could participate in sports activities. He had already changed into his track suit on October 15 when he and several of his guards and advisers were shot.

This week the twice-weekly sports activities continued, but in rather lethargic fashion; it is hot at 5pm, and anyway many people believe that the revolution inspired by Captain Sankara is drawing to its close.

At the end of the main avenue stands the presidential palace, now completely deserted with doors wide open and not a guard in sight. The new President and his advisers are holed up in the headquarters behind the palace, where security arrangements, not seen in other parts of the town, are strict. There is still a night curfew in place.

The land of the dignified is not an inappropriate name for this country, one of the poorest in the world, where the people are engaging and hard-working. In the first 20 years after independence from France in 1960, there was only one coup, but since 1980, when the military seized power, there have been four.

In 1983, when Captain Sankara came in with the help of three military colleagues, including Captain Compaoré, he tried to revolutionize the country in the shortest time possible. He appeared to have lost the support of his colleagues and of part of the population by outstripping them all in his striving for an African Utopia.

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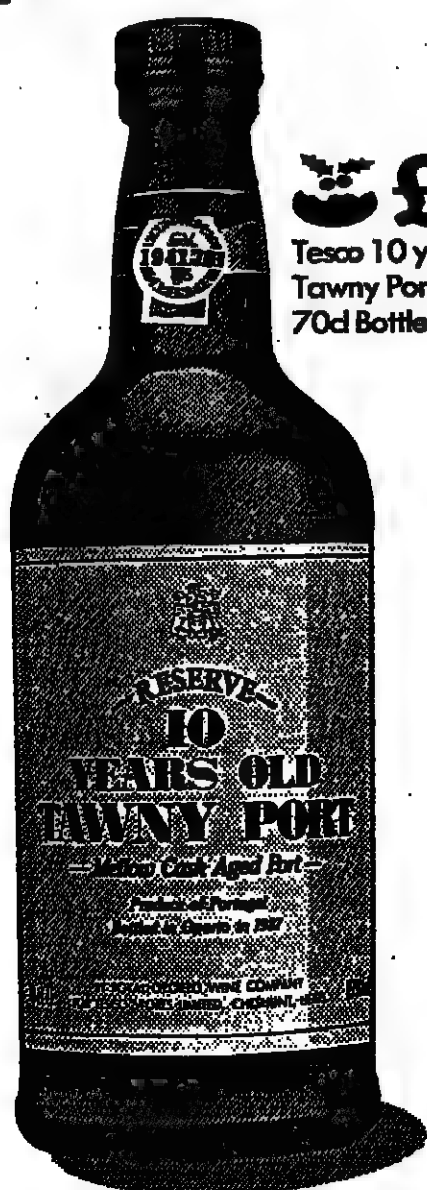
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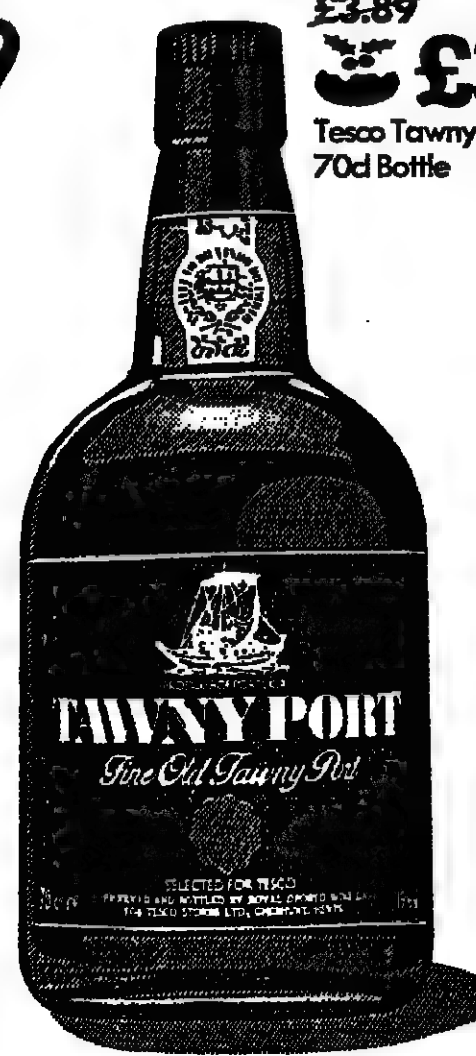
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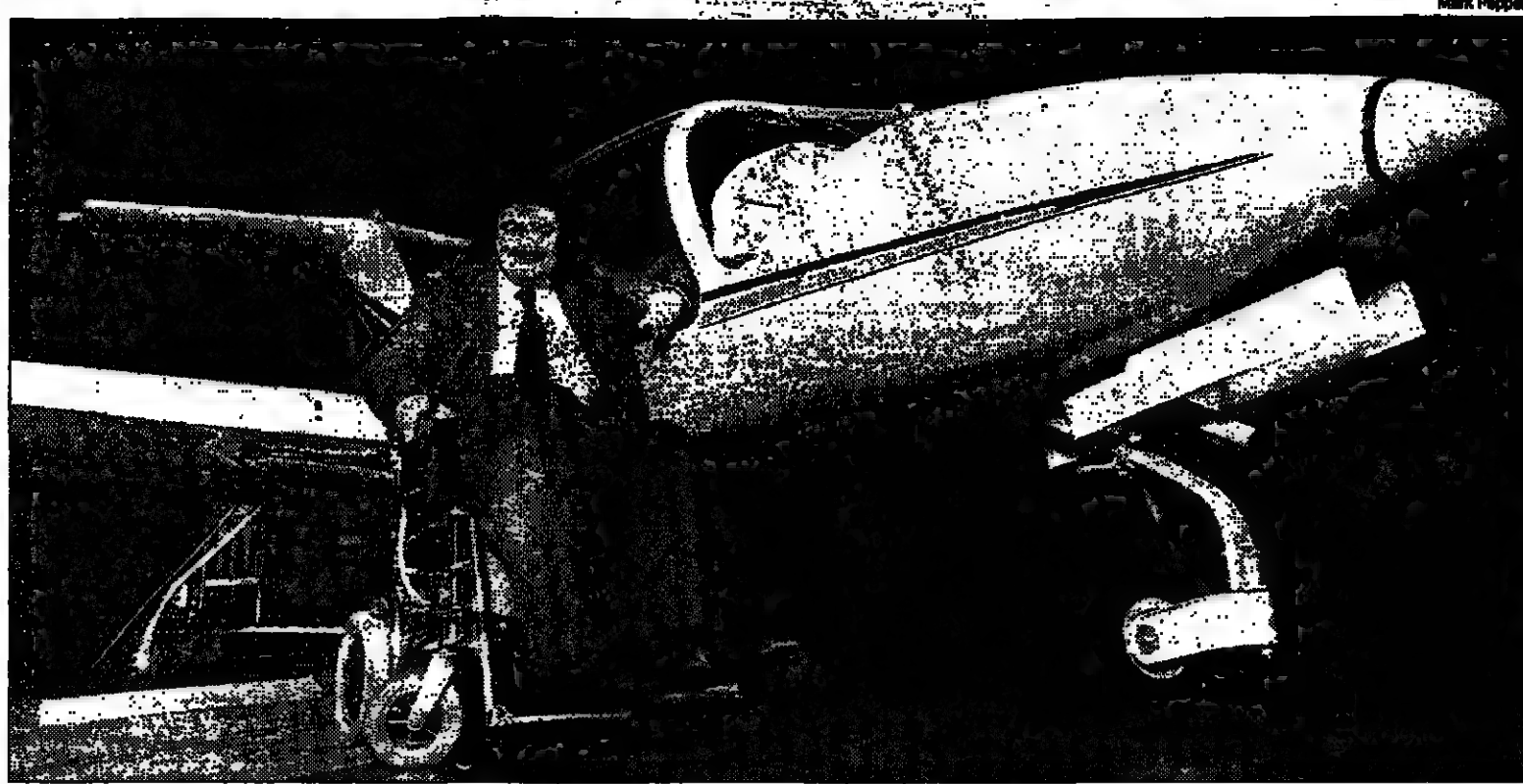
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● From the go-anywhere wheelchair to the one-handed keyboard, from computers operated with the blink of an eye to voice-controlled windscreen washers, the ingenuity directed at the disabled is never-ending

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● In the final part of our series we look at these advances — and at one man's determination to reach for the sky

Plight of the disabled: 3 HI-TECH FUTURE



Soaring ambitions: Scott in his electric wheelchair with the Spur turbojet aircraft he is converting. "This is a commercial operation, not charity," he says.

There is an odd-looking device — at first glance a cross between a small tank and a rich child's toy — creeping over the bumper bits of Britain. It is like a mechanized chameleon, changing its posture and poise as the ground demands; canceling cambers like a skier, devouring staircases and boldly going where no wheelchair has gone before.

It has a micro-processor to control and monitor its functions, it can get you out of most ruts and is generally less bumpy than a pair of legs.

The 19th century engineer Thomas Telford, whose name was taken for the new town where this electronic wheelchair is made, could not have done better. The machine is called the Mobility 2000; but be assured this is no mere advertising blurb. It describes a piece of technology which, long before the calendar catches up with its name, will probably help far more people than just the disabled for whom it was designed.

The beauty of the thing is that the seat of the chair always stays on exactly the same plane, no matter what the ground is doing. It is like the proverbial swan, serene on top but working like hell underneath. This attribute has already brought its designer, Robert Hester, several inquiries from the security and material-handling industries.

Some of the interest, he explains, centres on using the basic carriage for hazardous tasks such as bomb disposal, or even as a device for negotiating with armed terrorists. With a remote control unit, or an extended cable, the frame could bear mechanical arms, a hoist, camera, microphone, a device for setting off small explosives; almost anything except the kitchen sink. In fact, it could take a

kitchen sink, or an office safe, lug it up a flight of stairs and turn on the landings without incurring a mechanical hernia.

Hester, an experienced production engineer, started to develop the chair nearly seven years ago, largely as a result of knowing an old man with osteo-arthritis, and seeing how much he relied on other people to take him out. There are now 24 of them in use, at a cost of £3,400 each.

The starting point for Hester was "to take the environment as it is and cope with it, rather than modify the environment to suit the disability". This may be a contentious concept among aid agencies, but it has clear advantages when applied to other areas.

One of the most important aspects of a development like Hester's is that it can turn a traditional logic on its head: that logic has it that disabled people are the costly recipients of handouts and can do little to advance the common good. In fact, their condition can be a catalyst for technological advance.

This morning at Lancaster House in St James's, London, the Manpower Services Commission will make its Fit For Work awards to firms who have done the most to im-



The Pegasus: Going where no wheelchair has gone before

prove the lot of their disabled employees. On display will be a range of the latest gadgetry, from braille computer word-processors to entire workstations that can be operated by head movement alone.

Already there are keyboards that can be activated by the blink of an eye. As Jeff Busby, who works for the Disabled Specialist Group of the British Computer Society, points out: "Absolutely any way of simplifying the operation of a computer has to be good news for everyone."

"Take for example the sort of keyboard that has been developed for the disabled and can be operated with one hand. This is going to be of immense value in, for example, avionics; for a pilot who's got his hands full."

"Remember that many so-called 'normal' people are disabled in some way, to the extent that they have come to rely on mechanical devices in the course of their everyday life. Remember, too, something that it's easy to forget — that disability comes to almost everyone in the end, in the form of old age."

At last year's Birmingham motor show there was an ordinary-looking Ford Escort which upstaged some of the more exotic creatures on display. It had been converted for use by the disabled in such a way that all the secondary functions could be activated by voice control. The demonstrators had but to say "serial" or "wiper" or "washer" and the appropriate parts would swing into action.

"Some of the people looking on were so intrigued and were getting so close that a few were drenched by the washer," says Brian Wright, customer service manager of Ford Personal Import Export Ltd. "The fascinating thing was that although here was a car fitted out for the disabled, most

spectators were able-bodied."

Kemp, the Staines-based voice control specialist co-operating with Ford, has developed a technology which could just about handle all the functions necessary to drive a vehicle, but the motor company, seldom slow to vouch innovations, admits this could be "a long time coming".

One of the boldest initiatives in linking the worlds of disabled and the rest has come from Dial Hampshire, a dynamic advisory agency working from a small office in Southsea. Its director is Pat Saunders, a redoubtable ex-serviceman who several years ago was paralysed "literally overnight" by a mysterious virus which he believes was Icelandic Disease, a condition so called because it afflicts only those who live in or have just visited that country.

He recalls that "it was then that they designed a 'thing' called Pegasus. It was the first remote-controlled electrically operated chair, which is right at the front of electronic research. We had four of our young postgraduates working with us for half a day a week, and this is what they came up with. Then we had a young man come in who was interested in buying the technology for use in a special vacuum cleaner to use inside nuclear power stations."

There is no stopping Saunders. "I tell you, at 28 years' time our society is going to owe a huge debt of gratitude to the disabled. It doesn't already. There's all sorts of things that wouldn't be there but for us."

"Don't laugh, but quite soon I reckon we'll see widespread use of the electronic toilet. I have one in my home which works by means of a small arm with a jet of water and warm air, all operated by a push-button."

Saunders believes in one more important way in which the disabled might take the lead. In the Act on the disabled being promoted by MP Tom Clarke, there will be the statutory right, to professional representation when they are being assessed for benefit by DHSS officers.

"Under the new system, the disabled person would have the expert on his side. The need would be established, and then the question of paying for it would be tackled. If that principle were written into other areas of benefit claim, the difference would be unimagable."

Alan Franks

A spirit that had to soar

Ten years ago, when Philip Scott was 20, he broke his neck while motor-racing. It left him tetraplegic: 85 per cent of his body is paralysed. He can move his head and shoulders and control his forearm and elbow to a limited degree, but not his fingers. He can throw a switch, or even practise laboured calligraphy (he is a book illustrator), but not do up a shirt-button; he can drive an adapted car, but not haul himself into his wheelchair.

He seems an unlikely candidate for a private pilot's licence, but there are a number of paraplegic flyers, who pilot adapted light aircraft without having the use of their legs. Paraplegics often develop unusual strength and dexterity in the upper part of the body; witness the Stoke Mandeville Olympics.

Tetraplegic is in a very different league. Foot controls are not use to him — neither are conventional hand controls. He cannot exert more than a minimum of force: it would be impossible, for instance, for him to combat normal torque (the twisting motion caused by a propeller against an aircraft's side) by operating a rudder pedal or lever. "When I get up flying with friends," Scott says lightly, "I operate the control column, and about

"He's the hardest man I've ever had to work for"

"I'm turning left," and then they have to put the rudder on."

So, about five years ago, he decided to develop a new sort of plane, one that he could fly alone. He and his father have set up a limited company, supported by commercial sponsorship (he offers advertising sites all over the wings and fuselage at air shows) and mustered an impressive number of supporting companies. The aerospace industry is becoming increasingly involved, not least out of self-interest: Westland, for example, is helping with the ergonomics of the cockpit and control systems.

As one of Scott's professional advisers observed: "Anything which makes aeroplanes less tiring to fly, especially for military purposes, has got to be a good thing."

Birmingham University helped; and most important of all, the Cranfield Institute of Technology offered space for the new plane in its College of Aeronautics hangar in Bedfordshire, and is taking responsibility for construction and airworthiness.

Scott decided to deal with the problem of torque and physical strength by getting rid of the propellers, and using a turbojet engine, which is also safer because a jet plane has fewer controls, and uses less

"We all benefit, from the success of an individual"

semi-based fuel which burns less fiercely. "An emergency evacuation by a disabled person is difficult."

That is an understatement. One of the main problems was not how to design the controls for a crippled man, but how to organise safe entry and exit from a small cockpit by a man of more than 6ft with 85 per cent paralysis.

Scott hopes to exhibit the plane, called Spur, at the Farnborough air show in 1988. Its body is that of an Orion G802, a French kit aeroplane, "which we bought unfinished from a Paris greengrocer", and is slowly being completed. Scott buzzes around it in his electric wheelchair while one of his volunteers works, muttering: "Hardest man I ever worked for. Every time you stop, he comes at you in that chair, zip! with a monkey-wrench, pointing out something else to do." Scott is confident that if all goes well, he will soon be flying solo. Even the problem of map-reading has been electronically solved by Rascal's donation of a Dams computer display.

"I am very aware that I caused a lot of heartache to other people by breaking my neck on the motor bike," Scott says. "But I'm no more precious a creature than I was." He does not think that he is being selfish. "Operation Ability" as he calls it, is not a charity: its sponsors are commercial. "And we all benefit from individual success, like the first man on the moon."

Libby Purves
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Living with Mr Holmes

In the month of the great detective's centenary, Peter Lewis finds his creator's daughter still defending him

All her life, Arthur Conan Doyle's daughter has lived with Sherlock Holmes. There are times when she has grown heartily sick of him.

In this, the centenary of the publication of the first Sherlock Holmes story, *A Study in Scarlet*, which came out in *Bentley's Christmas Annual* for 1887, the world-wide fascination with him goes on. And Air Commodant Dame Jean Conan Doyle, the last of the family, still has to spend time trying to prevent outrageous imitations.

"Everyone seems to think they can write a Holmes story," she says. "Holmes I know exactly how my father felt and why he pushed him over the Reichenbach Falls. I sometimes feel, like he did, that if anyone else says Sherlock Holmes to me, I'll scream."

At the same time the legend of the great Victorian detective has grown so large it has eclipsed the real man behind the fiction. Dr Arthur Conan Doyle not only dreamed up Holmes and his partner Watson while waiting for patients who never came, but led an adventurous and versatile life in his own right. What popular author today could score 100 at Lord's and keep goal for Portsmouth?

"Father was dogged by Holmes," she says. "Wherever we went he was greeted as his creator." She describes how, in her teens, she accompanied her father on tours of America, Australia, and South Africa. Letters for Holmes would arrive at their home with requests to forward them. When Holmes at last "retired", to keep bees on the Sussex Downs, "mature ladies wrote in offering to keep house or to marry him. My father, who was a genial, benign man, was amused by this."

Nevertheless he was grateful to Holmes for setting him and his family free from the poverty of his own youth. While a medical student, he had sailed as a ship's doctor in order to help support his mother and sister, who had been obliged to leave home as governesses. The hard times were due to Conan Doyle's father, Charles Doyle, who drank. He eventually disappeared into a "nursing home" (really a series of asylums) when Arthur was still a student. "I suppose

he had DTs," Dame Jean says. "My father never spoke of it, but people didn't in those days. He was certainly spurred on to write stories by the need he felt, as eldest son, to support the family."

It was out of these desperate straits that Holmes was born. Dame Jean has her father's copy of *A Study in Scarlet*. In the back of it he pasted the few notices it attracted, from Scottish and provincial papers which knew his name. They were good, as far as they went: "The author shows genius," said the *Scottsman*. Portsmouth papers commended it. The greater world was silent. He pocketed £25 — 15 years later *de-Holmes* story was commanding \$5,000 in America alone.

Now the world, especially America, is bombarded with "new" Holmes stories. There have been 200 films and no one knows how many books. "Any writer worth his salt should create his own characters," Dame Jean says. "A lot of harm is done by inferior imitations. If I could have my way, I would stop it altogether. As it is, it can only stop it in America."

As a direct descendant, she is entitled under American law to 75 years' copyright from the date of publication. "The only way I can influence what happens here is by trying to maintain the standard there, by ensuring that they are in perfect and in character. I have an agent and a group of Sherlockian friends who read the manuscripts and keep an eye out for unauthorized publications."

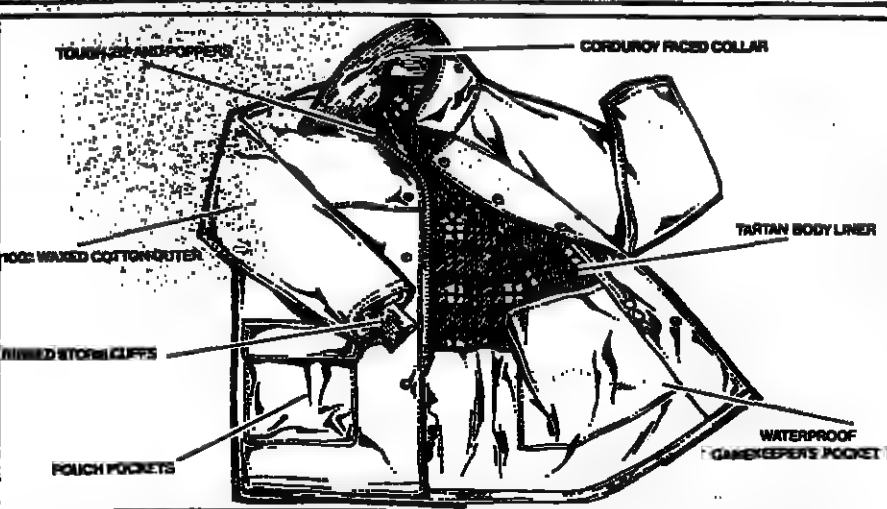
What of far-fetched rights of fancy, such as the film in which Michael Caine is portraying Holmes as a drunken actor hired by Watson to impersonate a detective? "I haven't objected to that yet," she says. "A well-written spoof is different from a pastiche."

Dame Jean is thankful that she had time for a career of her own before she succeeded to take on the task of keeping up the Holmes standards on her brother's death in 1971. She rose to be director of the Women's RAF in the 60s, having joined before the war broke out, and married Air Vice Marshal Sir Geoffrey Bromet. "I was lucky to have had all that before Holmes caught up with me. It's only loyalty that keeps me at it."



Dame Jean: "It's loyalty"

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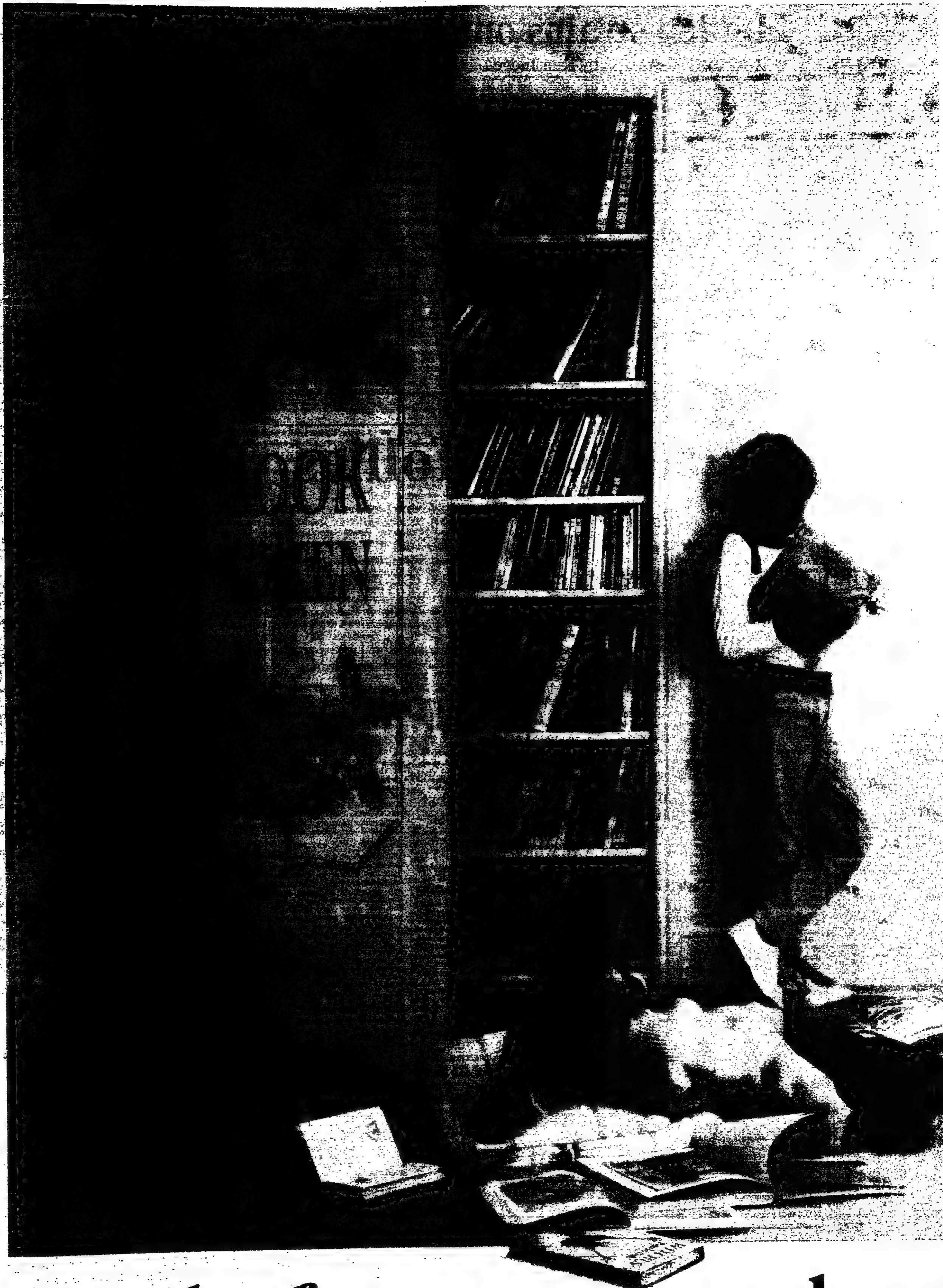
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Leading question

Parliamentary private secretaries were fuming yesterday afternoon over a flagrant breach of House of Commons practice by one of their number. Roger King, Tory MP for Birmingham Northfield, invited the PM during question time to shoot down the move for a banded community charge (suggested by Sir George Young and others) which would be based on an individual's ability to pay. After groans from all sides about the apparent toadyism, Anthony Beaumont-Dark, MP for Selly Oak, flounced out of the Chamber in protest against his neighbour's behaviour. His irritation must have been fuelled by the knowledge that King is PPS to Michael Howard, the local government minister responsible for poll tax. Westminster convention dictates that PPSs never speak on matters concerned with their ministers' subjects. The question now being asked is whether King acted off his own bat or had been encouraged by a superior to plant this question.

Late lunch

Food at a lunch given in Uganda by minister Eriya Kategaya's honour at the Admiralty yesterday took so long to arrive that stomachs began to rumble. Lynda Chalker, the Foreign Office minister for Africa, was forced to explain that the vegetables were stuck in a malfunctioning dumb waiter and until they could be freed, the beef was best left in the oven. Kategaya smartly replied that it could not have happened in Kampala — because there is no lift.

● There was a chastening moment for Bob Geldof on his tour of famine-stricken Ethiopian towns and villages. Western pop stars, it seems, are all alike to the average farmer. In one village in Tigré province a local dignitary gave profuse thanks for the singer's international aid, addressing his remarks to "Michael Jackson".

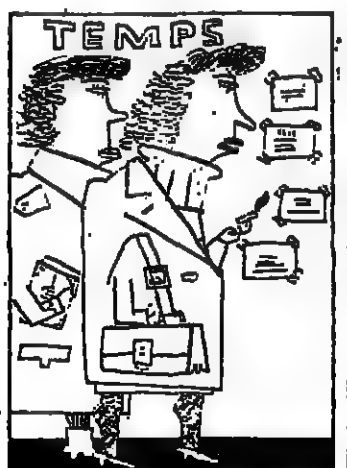
Bill hooks

Printers at Her Majesty's Stationery Office are finding the government's crowded legislative programme a bit much. The re-printing of the housing bill, due to an omission, was only the start. Since then the education bill has appeared with a spelling mistake on the first page, and the loss of a computer disc nearly scuppered the timing of the legal aid bill. Yesterday, the Housing (Scotland) Bill was published carrying the now familiar addendum stating that it was a substitute for the previously delivered paper. On the original document schedule 10 had been omitted and part of schedule five printed twice.

Breaking even

China has got its own back on the Irish museum, where two years ago one of its 2,000-year-old terracotta figures was injured by a falling spotlight. The PM of the day, Garrett FitzGerald, has just returned from a visit to China with a fractured arm, accidentally sustained at one of its tourist traps. Unlike the terracotta, the arm looks as if it will be quickly mended. "Dr Fitzgerald is still able to negotiate," his office mysteriously reassures me.

BARRY FANTONI



'Here's one. Short-hand, typing and TV camera operator'

Ticket touts

The Prime Minister will today receive an early Christmas present from the National Campaign for the Arts, whose president is Melvyn "I didn't apply for the Channel 4 job" Bragg — but it may be one she and Denis could do without. As part of a 100,000-signature petition calling on the House of Commons to give the arts a better deal, and an afternoon lobby of Parliament, the campaign will donate two tickets to Mrs Thatcher for any event put on by one of its 5,000 members. Cultural excursions have proved tricky in the past: when the PM went to the opera earlier this year she was buttonholed by Plácido Domingo over cuts in arts funding. Her options include the Royal Shakespeare Company, English National Opera and the Court Theatre, but the couple could take the opportunity to broaden their artistic horizons. After all, the High Jinks Theatre in Cardiff or London's Monstrous Regiment troupe are also members.

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Hidden strains on the NHS

by Ken Judge

The clamour for more spending on the National Health Service is reaching a climax. Improved efficiency in the use of hospital beds and shortages of trained staff have resulted in wards and equipment lying idle and surgeons frustrated as operations are cancelled and waiting lists grow. But it would be a great mistake for the government to respond with a quick financial Elastoplast. It is essential to examine the underlying pressures on the NHS and to link additional spending with a radical review of how resources are managed and used.

Since the early 1980s, when cash limits were introduced, the public expenditure constraints on the NHS have been tighter than at any time in its history. Some of the pressure has been eased by greater efficiency, which brought savings of £158 million in 1986-87. But two reports from the National Audit Office have highlighted the danger of cost improvements masking cuts in services. Any marked reduction in this source of "extra" funding is likely to pose serious strains on the system.

Even more impressive than financial savings have been the dramatic increases in productivity: more patients are treated more quickly than ever before. Paradoxically, this exacerbates the current funding problem. The more patients who are treated, the higher the costs. So the easiest way

for authorities to keep within budget is to limit admissions.

Another source of pressure is that more people are surviving into old age. The elderly are heavy users of the NHS, and spending should increase by 1 per cent a year to meet their needs. Extra expenditure is also required to provide services for newly emerging health needs such as breast cancer screening and services for AIDS sufferers.

By comparing resources made available to English health authorities since 1981-82 with extra demands arising from demographic change, medical advances and service development, it is possible to estimate that the cumulative deficit on hospital spending in the 1980s is about at least 5 per cent. But another way, if English health authorities had been adequately compensated for the pressures which they face they could look forward to expenditure in 1988 more than £600 million in excess of that announced at the time of the Chancellor's autumn statement.

By international standards the underspending appears even greater. In 1985 the average OECD country spent 7.6 per cent of GDP on health, compared with 5.7 per cent in Britain. But health spending is linked both to national

prosperity and to the proportion of health care financed by the taxpayer. Taking account of these factors suggests that British investment in public health spending ought to have been 15 per cent higher than it was. At today's prices that represents a shortfall in excess of £3 billion.

The political pressure to spend more on health appears unstoppable. The question is not whether the government will succumb, but when, how much and how grudgingly. The real challenge for ministers, therefore, is to link additional investment with a major review of clinical management and priorities which will reduce the risk of future financial crises. Two possibilities are worth close examination.

First, there is a growing body of opinion among health authority chairmen and managers that the major source of potential efficiency savings lies in the medical and nursing fields. One major example is nurse staffing, which accounts for over one quarter of NHS expenditure. The government could well offer a major restructuring of nurses' pay in return for savings in this area.

A second example is variations in clinical practice. The performance indicators published by the DHSS reveal wide differences in

the efficiency with which clinicians provide services. Yesterday's report into deaths following operations, for example, highlights cases of "unnecessary and inhumane" surgery, of untrained doctors undertaking inappropriate procedures, and of unnecessary deaths associated with poor standards. If the government can be persuaded to inject substantial sums of additional money into the hospital services, one of the preconditions ought to be a searching review of the organization and management of acute services.

The second area for examination is concerned with what the NHS should be trying to provide. Health care covers a spectrum ranging from acute life saving interventions to minor, life-quality enhancing procedures. Can the taxpayer be expected to finance all of them?

The chairman of Wessex Regional Health Authority, Sir Bryan Thwaites, has suggested that a man with an unwanted tattoo, an unlikely survivor of heroic surgery and a woman requiring in vitro fertilization, do not represent legitimate claims on the health services. Perhaps the Social Services Committee of the Commons, meeting today to appoint a new chairman, could stimulate public debate in this area.

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Washington follies



In the Oval Office, Carter was at the centre of competing groups who led him into a diplomatic shambles

Nicholas Henderson examines, in the light of the 'Soviet combat unit' fiasco of 1979, the diffuse nature of the American power system with which Mikhail Gorbachov is now negotiating

The Russians were up to in Cuba increased doubts about the wisdom of raising Salt II.

Vance gave a press conference on September 5 in which he said that the US "would not be satisfied with the status quo". He went on to explain: "The combat nature of the units is a matter of very serious concern to us." President Carter spoke on television about the need for firm diplomacy. The Soviet government, which had been asked for clarification, gave a reply, which Vance published on September 10, saying blandly that there had been a Soviet training centre in Cuba for the past 17 years.

One of the most extraordinary features of the whole episode is the delay of the US intelligence community in telling those responsible for taking decisions that the Soviet unit was a successor of the one that had been there in 1962 and that had remained there with the tacit consent of the Kennedy administration.

It is, of course, one of the tribulations of the US system that there is no institutional memory. Those taking decisions and making announcements on this occasion on behalf of the government were not informed that Soviet troops had remained in Cuba after the withdrawal of the missiles in

1963. Repeated US government statements gave the impression, not only that there was a new Soviet unit there, but that it was a combat one. To the question why the NSA did not check before using the emotive word combat, Stansfield Turner asserts this was because the "name of the game was getting credit for the scoop".

This reveals another contour of the Washington landscape — the intense struggle for power, not just between the legislature and the executive, but between various arms of the government and between the various agencies involved in intelligence. The very term "intelligence community" is ironic. One may also ask why Stansfield Turner, who was not only director of Central Intelligence but also director of the CIA, did not himself immediately press for a thorough interpretation of the latest intelligence.

Only after the subject had been blown up into a domestic political and international crisis did it become apparent in Washington that the Soviet unit in Cuba comprised fewer than 3,000 men, had no sea transport or aircraft and could not possibly pose any military threat. Meanwhile the US government had gone out on a limb. With Brezhnev's inflaming the issue in order to present the

president as a tough leader, and a senator declaring the unit was part of a Soviet plan to build "fortress Cuba", Vance was led into a series of meetings with the Soviet ambassador (Anatoly Dobrynin) and the Soviet foreign secretary (Andrei Gromyko).

Vance began by trying to find out more about the nature of the Soviet unit, and to get the Russians to dissolve it. Gromyko explained that the Soviet force was not a combat one and that, contrary to allegations in the US, did not violate any US-Soviet understandings reached at the time of the 1962 Cuban crisis.

Vance, when he became aware of the truth appears to have appealed to the Russians to help get the Americans off the hook, somewhat as he thought the Russians should do in their own interests to ensure ratification of Salt II. Not surprisingly, the Russians were not prepared to play. From their statements they appeared to believe that the ratification of Salt II was doomed anyway, the combat brigade story an invention to explain the failure.

The president decided to address the nation and deliver a message aimed at reducing tension. His speech amounted to a skillful exercise in eating the administration's own words. He criticized the government from its commitment not to accept the status quo by saying that the US was now satisfied on the basis of high-level Soviet statements and that it would be introducing measures to increase surveillance and military readiness. What it amounted to was that the status quo had been changed unilaterally — by the Americans.

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Chris Pomery on fears of a British sell-out on expected moves to democratic elections

Hong Kong feels a colder draught

of "Hong Kong people ruling Hong Kong", the joint declaration promised a "high degree of autonomy" post-1997, and a legislature "constituted by elections". However, as soon as Parliament ratified the declaration in 1985, Chinese officials began a damage-control exercise. The Chinese leader, Deng Xiaoping, promised that Hong Kong's lifestyle would remain unchanged for 50 years, cautioning that direct elections might not be the right solution for Hong Kong. China's senior representative in the territory, Xu Jiatun, lost his temper and accused Britain of sponsoring "deviations" from the joint declaration.

China simultaneously set up a drafting committee to write Hong Kong's post-1997 constitution — known as the Basic Law — and a consultative committee (BLOCC) of "Hong Kong compatriots". China is eager to ensure that proposed British reforms should "converge" and not preempt the Basic Law before it is promulgated in 1990. A first draft is due next year, the date previously pencilled in for Hong Kong's first direct elections.

Pragmatic pressures to accede to China's impending sovereignty are strong; the business elite on the BLOCC has aligned itself with many Chinese proposals favouring a strong centralized "consensus" government, an absence of party politics and a population little troubled by elections.

The British have capitulated to Chinese pressure and discussed Hong Kong's political evolution with China at meetings of the joint liaison group set up to co-ordinate the fine print of the joint declaration during transition. China is now consulted by Britain's senior representative, the Governor, Sir David Wilson, at every stage.

The Hong Kong government is increasingly unable to act openly as the "consensus" that is its only mandate evaporates. The chief secretary, David Ford, insists that the political review is genuinely open, but that government should not "lead public opinion". The executive council will decide, in camera, the timetable for change before February next year.

The effects of Chinese pressure are already visible. Emigration figures are rising, primarily young professionals from the emerging, articulate but still disenfranchised, middle-class. Canada, the favoured destination, expects to grant nearly 22,000 immigrant visas this year, compared with 8,000 in 1986.

There is a deep sense of betrayal in Hong Kong. "Promises were made both to the people of Hong Kong and the British Parliament, and that is a master of record," states Martin Lee.

Britain, like China, regards the Hong Kong issue as solved. Unless aspirations like direct elections are met soon, Hong Kong may be left with policies that can bring trouble in the future.

Digby Anderson

Academies of union unrest?

Ann Winterton, MP for Congleton, has just asked an intriguing series of parliamentary questions about trade unions nearly as intriguing as the answers. The questions hint that the government may not be doing all it should about them. Now, whatever the gap between its rhetoric and the reality of its policies on other matters, surely the Thatcher administration's record on trade unions is impeccable — at least to Conservatives such as Mrs Winterton. Indeed, the success of the employment acts of 1980 and 1982 and the trade union act of 1984 in curbing union power and reducing strikes is obvious, and the new employment bill promises further progress on union elections and accounts. What is left?

A small matter but an instructive one. Mrs Winterton wants to know about shop-steward courses in colleges. She asks how many shop stewards have been on such courses. Mr Robert Jackson for the Secretary of State for Education and Science replies that the question could only be answered at disproportionate cost. She asks if the TUC is involved in selecting the staff for the courses. Mr Jackson does not know. There are many details which Mr Jackson does not know. Perhaps understandably he appears to know little of what is actually taught in such courses beyond the titles of the topics. He admits that it is expected that the TUC will adhere to the titles but knows little of what happens in classroom practice. He ignores that part of a question which asks if the courses, which obviously deal with highly controversial topics, are required to be balanced.

Why all the questions? Because it is the taxpayer who funds all these courses. Every year since 1976 the government has given the TUC a handout of nearly £2 million to arrange these courses. The Thatcher administration has spent more than £8 million in the past five years and have decided to spend another couple of million in 1988-89. Not content with spending the taxpayers' money for them on the unions, the government also forces companies to subsidize the TUC-arranged courses by obliging them to grant time off with pay to attend them under the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act of 1978 and various "safety" regulations.

The government payment is made by a direct grant from the Department of Education and Science and the Department of Employment to the TUC. The TUC has an education department at Congress House and regional education offices which prepare the courses in conjunction with further education colleges, colleges of higher education and some polytechnics. In practice all the students are members of trade unions and have to certify as such with their union branch stamp to the regional officers. It is a service for the TUC.

These things, Mr Jackson does know. He also knows and recites impressively the purpose of this handout, which is to improve industrial relations. Mrs Winterton's next question should be whether the government has, at any time in the past five years, bothered to ask for any hard evidence that this gift to the unions has resulted in better industrial relations.

It might just as well have harmed them. Behind the questions, especially those about balance, one detects a concern that courses could be used by, for example, politically motivated tutors, tutors whose selection and appointment may not be purely academic decisions, to engineer not better but worse relations. There have been cases in which tutors have stirred up trouble in industries from which students were seconded, cases in which colleges, reluctant to run such courses have been pressured to do so by their political masters in the local authorities.

In short, if the government is adamant that the taxpayer should subsidize the unions, it has a responsibility to require evidence that his money is being properly spent. It may be that with other courses all should be assumed to be well unless abuses are proved, though I doubt it. But the circumstances with the trade union courses are special. The nature of the topics, plus their being taught under the aegis of local authorities which have shown an enthusiasm for politicization in other fields including education, plus their being arranged by the trade unions which have, shall we say, certain interests in the topic taught, add up to a situation in which bias is a real and likely danger. They also mean that individuals in the colleges who are aware of abuses are frightened to reveal them publicly, being dependent on the institutions which produce them.

In these circumstances, the burden of proof should be not with the critics but with the unions and authorities to show the courses are not biased. Things may improve for the polytechnics, at least, when they are freed from local authority control in 1989.

All this would involve poor Mr Jackson in an awful amount of work and some very long answers. One doubts if his time is best spent on such matters. Why not completely avoid the whole messy business of proving or disproving bias by ending the government funding and government-enforced time off with pay? If the courses are worthwhile to the unions or the employers, let them pay. If they are not, why run them at all? Is it not the view of the White Paper on higher education that users and employers should pay for the educational benefits they receive? Then Mr Jackson could get on with matters which are the proper business of government. Oh, and the £2 million could go to nurse training.

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however... Pearson Phillips

Cheap travel, Sartre class

"Are you married?" inquired the woman behind the counter. It was a strange question to be asked in a railway booking office. My friend gave a nervous, apologetic laugh and admitted we were not. Were we about to get some moral rebuke for asking for seats together to Avignon? Surely not: this was France. But worse was to come.

"Is monsieur then perhaps your concubine?" I looked the word up in a dictionary later. My Old Testament image of some feminist superwoman travelling with her own assets, camels and camels, was dashed. The word is French for "co-habitee". It can be male or female. And you can get a certificate for it at the town hall.

"Because," added the ticket lady, "on presentation of a Certificate of Concubinage you can pay the fare as a couple, which means one of you travels half price."

Pity. This was my introduction to the wonderful world of the French railways fare system. Jean-Paul Sartre and the existentialists, I am told, "place the individual person at the centre of their picture of the world. They are deeply suspicious of some set of general laws or principles." That is the philosophy which permeates every French railway booking hall.

"Who are you?" is the question they want to know. "Where are you going?" comes later. You can trace a direct line from Descartes. I travel, therefore I am.

They are not only trying to run a country with 500 different cheeses, they are running a railway with a kaleidoscope of passenger categories. British Rail thinkers stuck fast in the authoritarian philosophy of Hobbes ("railway travel should be nasty, brutish and short") appear to be moving towards the French attitude. They still have a long way to go.

I have been presented with nine separate French guides on how to get the best kind of ticket. I would say you would have to be a fit, solitary, middle-aged hermit not to qualify for something.

Take any railway carriage. That family group over there are all travelling half price on the strength of one child under 16, who is allowed to be accompanied at a cheap rate by parents,

grandparents, cousins or even friends to a maximum of four. The cat or the dog travel free, as long as it is the family cat or dog.

The children lot over there are travelling on a "numerous family card", a numerous family being three or more children, one of whom is under 18. That means 30 to 75 per cent off for everyone, including the noble parent.

Yes, we all know about the French wanting to encourage families. But what about that lone young man in the corner, without a child, a wife or even a "matrimonial companion" (50 per cent off)? Never fear. He will have a letter from his boss confirming that he is on annual paid leave (25 per cent reduction for journeys of over 200km). Or perhaps he rounded up five other solitary in the ticket queue and formed a group (20 per cent off).

I now also know why French first-class carriages are full of distinguished men and women of a certain age. They are Vermilion Card holders (anyone over 60 for whom travel first class is cheaper than second-class).

How to join in this great existentialist romp? I have inquired about this concubinage business. An English resident friend showed me his official form, bearing the stamp of the mayor, headed "declaration of marital life". He had to go down to the town hall with two witnesses who were prepared to swear that he and his elegant Italian girlfriend were in a state of co-habitation. Some documentary evidence — in their case an electricity bill — was also required.

They took champagne down with them, as well they might. Their form not only allowed them to benefit from cheap rail travel, it allowed them to qualify for all the appropriate marital social security benefits as well.

Think of that. In Britain the snoopers strive to ensure that receivers of benefit are not sharing their beds with anyone. In France all the town hall wants to be sure about is that they are.

There is a moral in there somewhere. And also in another bit of philosophical realism attached to the certificate. It is renewable every year.



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DEFENDING EUROPE

The US-Soviet agreement on intermediate-range nuclear forces which was signed yesterday in Washington removes an issue from the superpower agenda which has, notwithstanding the relatively small number of weapons involved, bedevilled East-West relations for the past decade. The very removal of this issue, however, raises a far wider question, and one the presence of these weapons obscured: the future defence of Western Europe.

Neither of the signatories to the draft INF treaty has any reason on the surface to allow the concerns of European countries to diminish their satisfaction this week. For the West Europeans, the British and West German leaders have given their unqualified blessing to the treaty as it stands. The nature of the Warsaw Pact means that Mr Gorbachev has no need of such support from East European leaders.

Yet, once the treaty has been ratified — assuming it is — and the first missiles to be dismantled under the terms of the treaty are withdrawn from RAF Molesworth in Britain, voices of warnings will be heard. Some of the defensive power and some of the assurance of US protection they provided — to Britain and to other European members of the Western alliance — will go with them.

Whether this amounts to the first stage in a long-term Soviet plan to make all Europe (excluding the USSR) a nuclear-free zone, or whether it is rather a mutually advantageous step which reduces an unnecessary and possibly dangerous accumulation of military hardware in Europe, cannot at present be assessed. It is, however, the responsibility of West European governments to ensure that it does not become the former by default. They must satisfy themselves that progress towards any more "zeroes" is fully compatible with the interests of all NATO members.

This means, first, insisting that no further nuclear concessions are made before the imbalance in conventional and chemical weapons has been redressed. Yesterday, Mrs

Thatcher warned, rightly, about bringing shorter-range nuclear weapons in Europe into the same forum as conventional weapons lest the one be bargained against the other.

Second, it means that any US-Soviet agreement to cut strategic-range nuclear weapons — which seems to be the most likely subject of the next accord — must be exactly that: a superpower agreement with no hidden implications for Europe. The British and French independent nuclear deterrents must remain. The Shadow Defence Secretary pointed out yesterday that if Washington and Moscow went ahead with 50 per cent cuts in strategic nuclear weapons, the United States would be left with 12 Trident submarines to the four Britain has ordered. Was it necessary, he asked, for Britain to have one third of the force required by so large and powerful a country as the United States?

The answer was, and is, that such strength is all the more necessary at a time when other means of defending Western Europe are being scaled down. If the Western alliance as a whole is not thereby to be weakened, the European pillar of the alliance will have to bear a greater weight than before.

For the interests of Western Europe to be represented convincingly, however, both to the transatlantic part of the alliance and to a strong Soviet leadership, firm leadership is required. Western Europe will need a clear sense of direction and a depth of commitment to the transatlantic pillar of the alliance which its governments have not always shown.

That leadership has, necessarily, to come from within Europe. Over a period when governments in the United States, France and Germany will be in transition, it must also promise continuity and consistency. Mrs Thatcher, with her clear concept of nuclear deterrence and the growing role she is playing in the European Community, should make the modernization of European defence her next frontier.

DEATH OF A CHRISTIAN

"In the Church of England things are not always what they seem to be..." began the author of the Preface to the 1987 *Crockford's Directory*. That caveat should also be applied to the aftermath, the denials, the dignified silences, and, in particular, to the circumstances surrounding the tragic death of the man alleged to be its author.

But while heeding that warning, it would be wrong not to comment further upon the affair. In advance of the inquiry on Dr Gareth Bennett, we would draw the Church of England's attention to a few questions which that Church ought now to be asking itself.

They are in three categories. The first concern the substantive points of the Preface. These are already being asked, though — as Mr Frank Field writes in his letter today — not necessarily with the effect which the writer had in mind. Dr Runcie's supporters are in the ascendant. So are his views.

The second category concerns the commissioning of the Preface. These questions are being asked too. But they are not being answered. Those to the most visible of the men responsible, the Secretary-General, Mr W.D. Patinson reveal nothing. Those to others reveal the faded edges of a pattern, but it is a pattern of divided responsibility which must displace any responsible institution.

The third set of questions flows directly from the second. Did Dr Bennett write the anonymous Preface? If so, what assurances were given that the Church would respect that anonymity, particularly since his known views made him an obvious suspect? If any assurances were given, were they kept?

This last long list of queries would seem more at home in a sophisticated crime novel. Indeed, of all those in Oxford, it is Dame Iris Murdoch who could perhaps do best justice to the following scenario: the author's betrayal of confidence by his revelation of Church secrets,

the justification of this by a higher cause, "the safety of the Church itself"; then the assurances that the authorship would remain secret, the doubts, the writing of the article, the discovery that no assurances could protect him; finally the denials to the press, leading to deception of his friends, and to suicide.

Two of the leading politicians involved in the Church of England's affairs, Mr Field and Mr John Gummer, warned yesterday of the dangers in the *Crockford's* hunt. It is hard to resist the conclusion that the Church hierarchy has been naive about the dangers of such consequences throughout — even if no one could have foreseen the final awful act.

The Press has inevitably come under attack for hounding a suspect to his death. But it is the Church which has laid the trail. Churchmen at every level of seniority have lavished helpful advice. Much of it was directed towards "identifying" Dr Bennett, who was a wise man but a man whose training had not taught him to deal with the direct questions of very direct reporters.

"Enthusiasm in various shapes returns often on this poor nation: we have had religious enthusiasm, political enthusiasm, and this was mere secular enthusiasm." That was the comment on the South Sea Bubble by one of Dr Bennett's heroes, the 18th Century Bishop of Peterborough, White Kennett. It is the sort of comment which may be applied by today's bishops to the *Crockford's* affair.

While the state of the Church, its beliefs, its archbishops, and its benighted bureaucracy are, indeed, a secular enthusiasm at present, they are much more than that. Dr Bennett was one of a dwindling band of scholars who put a truly Christian mind to the study of European history. His death is a loss to Christianity. It may bring much bigger troubles to the Church of England.

DRUNK DRIVERS

Yesterday Mr Peter Bottomley began, with customary vigour, the Government's seasonal effort on drinking and driving. He renewed the Department of Transport's campaign of exhortation. He usefully reminded us that it is directed not only at drivers but, as pertinently, at passengers and at all who extend hospitality in their homes and share in responsibility for the sobriety of customers and guests.

Much of the Department's effort is going into television advertisements. Taken together with the AIDS campaign, it will certainly make for an admonitory Christmas. The public expenditure is justified both by the minister's ambition of raising awareness and by the potency of the Transport Department's recent series of television advertisements. These have put into harrowing focus the victims of accidents caused by drunk drivers, among whom bereft relatives are not the least.

Mr Bottomley referred yesterday to the need to "decentralize" the campaign, notably by the participation of the brewers both in promoting the wider message and, in detail, by requiring their publicans to provide drivers with non-alcoholic drink. This is all to the good. The minister is right to identify compliance with the law as the object of the exercise: compliance rests heavily on public acceptance of law enforcement.

Polls and a stream of anecdotal evidence — including the opinions of chief police officers — demonstrate that there is now a tide of public support for stricter enforcement of the existing law. Drivers and non-drivers alike would live happily under a tougher regime, including random breath-testing.

The Government espouses the doctrine of unripe time, saying change in the law will come, but not just yet. Yet delay is not without cost. There are too many drivers on the roads

in no fit state to command their vehicles, and too many accidents for the wait-and-see posture to be right.

It is true that there has been a decrease in the level of drunk driving in recent years: official admonition has had its effect. But the law needs to be sharpened as well. The evidence from home and abroad, collected by Dr Dunbar and colleagues in the *British Medical Journal* this week, makes a telling case for a reduction in blood alcohol levels. This needs to be answered, particularly with reference to a reduction in permissible alcohol levels for young and learner drivers.

And with such reform there ought to be, at least experimentally, an extension of police power. It is not enough to say that police have wide powers to require breath tests when they suspect a traffic offence or after an accident. The prospect of confronting a static roadside checkpoint which required all passing drivers to stop would be a powerful deterrent.

At least that proposition is worth putting to the test. We have seen recently in Scotland imaginative use of the broadcasting media to shame those convicted of drink driving offences. There is space within the system to test different modes of policing. Chief constables should have discretion in policing the roads, but, before they can exercise it, they need the power of random testing.

Cynics may observe that such legislative changes will not stop the habitual drinker taking a vehicle on the road, or that random testing is costly of police manpower. But tightening the law would, on present evidence, make the roads safer because it would raise the stakes for drivers. That way lies further advance in the change of attitudes which is slowly taking place.

New doctrine of judicial power

From Lord Devlin, FBA
Sir, The opinions of Lord MacKay of Clackmannan, as reported by you in "Who makes the law?" (feature, December 3), will, I believe, be read by lawyers and laymen alike with relief as well as with respect. I hope that the principle behind them will be applied to the practice of "prospectively deciding" as well as to that of "prospectively overruling".

By "prospectively deciding" I mean the new doctrine that a decision given against one newspaper applies forthwith against all other newspapers, which must, I suppose, be deemed to have learnt of it by hearsay and to be able to apply it to themselves.

The judicial power is the power to decide cases, not the power to make law. It is true that because of the doctrine of precedent an appellate court, when it gives a decision, is telling the world that future cases which are the same in principle will probably be decided in the same way. Probably. But not certainly, at least since July 26, 1966, when the House of Lords resolved that it was no longer to be absolutely bound by its own decisions.

This judicial power is quite different from the legislative power of Parliament to impose legal obligations forthwith on persons who are not before it. The exercise of the judicial power is subject in general to the right to be summoned and heard.

Sincerely,
DEVILIN,
West Wick House,
Pewsey,
Wiltshire.
December 6.

Mozambique aid

From Mrs Ruth Buckley
Sir, Julian Becker's article (November 25) fails to point out that much of Britain's aid to Mozambique is of a humanitarian nature.

Humanitarian assistance is necessary not because of Mozambique's economic policy, which incidentally has been liberalized under the economic recovery programme launched in January, 1987, but because of armed banditry and terrorism perpetrated by the MNR (Mozambique National Resistance).

The MNR, rather than being a coherent movement with a political platform, was established by the Rhodesian Central Intelligence Organization to inform upon Zulu (Zimbabwe) African National Liberation Army) activists in Mozambique during Zimbabwe's war for independence. Following Zimbabwe's independence the MNR were trained in and supported by the South African regime, transforming them into an effective instrument for undermining the legitimate Mozambique government and the Mozambique economy.

MNR bandits who mine fields so that farmers risk life and limb to cultivate; who cut the ears and noses of children captured in raids; who force civilians to produce food for them or to carry their equipment through the bush; who blow up bridges, set fire to homes, schools, health centres and bus stops, can hardly be considered as a coherent movement with a political platform.

Their criminal activities and wanton destruction have devastated thousands of lives and vast areas of countryside, denying the citizens of Mozambique the chance to be self-sufficient.

Yours sincerely,
RUTH BUCKLEY,
118 Marlborough Road, N22,
November 27.

Patent Office move

From Mr Iain C. Baillie
Sir, The Government announce that the new Copyright Bill is to encourage UK innovation and promote the success of the Patent Office is to be moved to Cardiff.

My clients from Japan, USA, Australia, etc. are thrilled to learn that though the courts, counsel and the majority of professionals are in London, all of these will have to go to Cardiff for every attendance. My clients in Glasgow, Newcastle and Norwich are also less than pleased.

Why not move the Treasury, Ministry of Defence or even Parliament to Cardiff — it would do less damage to British trading interests.

Yours faithfully,
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Fire training

From Mr M. J. Doherty
Sir, Your correspondent, Mr J. H. Goode (December 1), incorrectly implies that the law does not require fire drills to take place in departmental stores.

Section 6, sub-section 2, of the Fire Precautions Act (1971), as amended by the Fire Safety & Safety of Places of Sport Act (1987) requires training in fire safety and fire drills to be conducted at least once every 12 months in departmental stores employing in excess of 20 staff or more than 10 elsewhere other than on the ground floor.

Yours faithfully,
M. J. DOHERTY,
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London Fire and Civil Defence Authority,
London Fire Brigade,
Albert Embankment, SE1.
December 1.

Archbishop's colours in context

From Mr Frank Field, MP for Birkenhead (Labour)
Sir, Your extract (December 3) from the preface to *Crockford's Clerical Directory* includes the following sentence:

One recalls a lapidary phrase of Mr. Frank Field that the archbishop is usually to be found sailing his colours to the fence.

The preface did not put this in context. The Synod's record on its debate on the nature of Christian belief in February, 1985, reports me as saying on the Archbishop of Canterbury's contribution that:

I speak with some considerable affection for him. I thought that his response to the Synod's debate was admirable, but it would not have been an appropriate response had he been reporting back from the deliberations of the House of Bishops (which was to occur after it had considered Synod's debate). It would then be possible to say that he had nailed his colours firmly to the fence.

You report the distress that the preface has caused the Archbishop. One redeeming factor of the whole affair is the coverage his Grace has gained for his views. At one time the Church's importance would have commanded attention. Now, like opposition parties, the hierarchy has to respond to the news made by other people.

The anonymous preface has resulted in a powerful promotion of the Archbishop's liberal values.

Yours truly,
FRANK FIELD,
House of Commons.
December 7.

From Dr Richard Carter
Sir, Thank you for printing so extensively the text of the *Crockford's* preface. The author's exposition of the present state of the Church of England has brought sharply into focus misgivings which I have felt vaguely for some time.

In England, as in America, the laity are generally conservative in their beliefs. This is particularly true of those who are least articulate. For them it matters that their faith is true, not that it is expedient. They find the pronouncements of the bishops and the debates of the General Synod equally irrelevant. All too often they look in vain to the Church to provide a clear and consistent exposition of the gospel and genuine pastoral concern. Yet this is the edifice for which they are

ILEA standards

From Mr Eric Ollershaw
Sir, It might well be opportune, given the publication of the Education Bill, for your readers to note the following information from a meeting of the ILEA schools' sub-committee on November 12. It was contained in a report on the inspection of the standard of science teaching in ILEA schools in Greenwich.

HMI's had inspected lessons in the summer term of 1985 and found the appalling situation that only 15 per cent of classes in science could be called good and 30 per cent were unsatisfactory or worse. Two years later, in the summer term of 1987, the ILEA's own inspectors went into schools in Greenwich to check, one as-

Future of the NHS

From Mr David Tipping
Sir, No one can doubt that there is increasing concern over the ability of the health service, as at present financed and constituted, to provide the level and quality of service that is desired. Where I feel the present Government has failed is in offering a clear argument as to what should be included and what not, coupled with a firm commitment to provide adequate resources for the accepted targets.

It is not enough to be told that more money than ever before is being channelled into health. It would be strange if it were not. How does one decide whether it is enough? Are present difficulties due to inadequate funds or to poor management of available funds? On what principles is it decided that resources be allocated to this or that activity or branch of the service, and who decides?

The overriding question for the longer term is to decide the content of a publicly-financed service and the principles according to which the line is drawn between public and private provision.

I believe that the best way to do it is by royal commission. The usual argument against royal

commissions, that they are too lengthy, would be a point in favour. This question should not be rushed; a proper distance should be kept between it and Government; and there should be an opportunity to examine all the issues in an unbiased way, to present first the analysis and then the choices.

Above all, the public must be given the chance to understand the implications of these choices. One would hope to have the report before the next election.

Yours faithfully,
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December 1.

Poll tax freedom

From Professor R. C. Simmons
Sir, I believe that Adam Smith is highly regarded by several members of the present Government and/or their advisers. Have they read him on the poll tax? Such taxes, he commented,

in countries where the ease, comfort, and security of the inferior ranks of people are little attended to... are very common. It is in general, however, but a small part of the public revenue which, in a great empire, has ever been drawn from such taxes; and the greatest sum which they have ever afforded, might always have been found in some other way much more convenient to the people.

It was, in fact, in Smith's day seen as a mark of the distinctive freedom of Britons that, unlike the unfortunate subjects of arbitrary or absolute governments, they were not so taxed. *Sic transit...*

Yours etc.
R. C. SIMMONS,
6 Britannia Square,
Worcester.
November 30.

Newcastle reply to criticisms

From the Leader of Newcastle City Council

Sir, We benighted provincials must, I suppose, be grateful to be singled out for mention by such luminaries as Simon Jenkins (article, December 3) and the Prince of Wales (report, December 2) even when we find it difficult to recognise in their dismissive phrases the cities in which we live and work. Thus Newcastle has not been "pattern-bombed with glass and concrete" (Simon Jenkins), nor has it been "raped" by motorways.

The redevelopment of the 1960s and 1970s was essential to avoid the choking to death of the city by traffic and the draining to the periphery of its retailing and commercial lifeblood, reproducing the symptoms of inner urban decay suffered in the United States and elsewhere.

Of course there were some undistinguished buildings constructed, and some, though not many, valuable buildings lost. But the essential character of the city and its rich built heritage have been preserved. It remains probably the most attractive of the provincial cities and the £8 million currently being spent on refurbishing the magnificent Theatre Royal is an earnest of its intention to remain so.

Yours truly,
JEREMY BEECHAM, Leader,
Newcastle City Council,
Civic Centre,
Newcastle upon Tyne,
Tyne and Wear.

ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 9 1653

Bernadette Soubirous (1844-79) claimed her first vision of the Virgin Mary on February 11, 1858. At the age of 30 she became a nun at Nevers, where she nursed the wounded during the Franco-Prussian war.

THE VISIONARY OF LOURDES

CANONIZATION IN ROME

THOUSANDS OF PILGRIMS

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

With all the traditional solemnity, the Blessed Bernadette Soubirous, the shepherdess and visionary of Lourdes, was canonized today.

The ceremony drew a vast concourse of the faithful to St. Peter's. During the last two or three days special trains have brought more than 30 Bishops and thousands of pilgrims from abroad, mostly, of course, from France, but to these foreign visitors were added many thousands of the faithful.

The comparatively recent death of Bernadette Soubirous — she died at Nevers in 1879 — gave to today's ceremony a vivid and a living touch which is absent from many canonizations. Although the brother of the new Saint, who had been present at his sister's beatification in 1925, has since died, there were present this morning more than a score of representatives of her family...

Among those present who had obtained relief from their sufferings at Lourdes was the vigorous and active Mgr. Lemaître, Archbishop of Carthage, one of the two people whose miraculous cure from an apparently fatal illness formed the principal basis for this morning's ceremony.

The miracle which healed Mgr. Lemaître of a tropical disease on August 3, 1925, almost immediately after the beatification of Bernadette Soubirous, was depicted on one of the two painted standards which, in accordance with custom, descended from the loggia overlooking the statues of St. Veronica and St. Helena.

The interior of St. Peter's had been decorated with all the sumptuous splendour proper to such an occasion. More than 13,000 electric candles, distributed among hundreds of candelabra and brackets, combined with the hidden illuminations to bathe the whole basilica in a sea of light.

From 9 o'clock, when the Pope was borne into the basilica on the sedia gestatoria amid the dignitaries of the Church and of the Papal Court in gala uniform, to the moment, four hours later, when his Holiness was again borne out of the church, the solemn function followed its prescribed course. Litanies and hymns and prayers succeeded one another until the Pope, accepting the triple petition of the Cardinal Protonotary, made *Instantier*, *Instantius*, *Instantissime*, invited the Princes of the Church and other prelates to rise to their feet while he pronounced the formula of canonization. A few minutes later the "Gloria" of the new Saint, which had been hung from the outer loggia of the basilica, was uncovered and the pealing of the bells announced *Urbi et Orbi* that the humble shepherdess of Lourdes had taken her place amid the most venerated names of the Roman Catholic Church.

Before concluding the ceremony the Pope announced that the "feast" of the new Saint would be April 16, the day of her death.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 8: The Queen held an investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

Her Majesty received His All Highness the Equestrian Patriarch Demetrios I.

The Archbishop of Canterbury and Metropolitan Bartholomew of Philadelphia were present.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, attended the Reception at St James's Palace for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, gave a reception this evening for Friends of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme at Buckingham Palace.

The Prince Edward, Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Project, "30 years on", attended a dinner given by the Chatham Dining Club at the St Ermin's Hotel, Caxton Street, London SW1.

Captain James Fraser was in attendance.

The Lady Elton has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE
December 8: Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, a Master of the Middle Temple, was pleased to dine with her fellow Benchers at the Middle Temple this evening.

The Dowager Viscountess Hambleden and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

Lady Elizabeth Basset has succeeded Lady Angela Oswald as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 8: The Prince of Wales, attended by Mr Humphrey Mews, arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight this morning from Italy.

His Royal Highness, President, the Royal Jubilee Trust, chaired a meeting of the Administrative Council at Kensington Palace.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited the Royal Smithfield Show at Earls Court Exhibition Centre.

Mr David Landale was in attendance.

His Royal Highness later received Mr Andrew Collier and Miss Paula Funnery at Kensington Palace and presented the 1986 and 1987 The Prince of Wales Award for the Rural Crafts and Skills Competition held at the East of England Show.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, accompanied by The Princess of Wales, this evening gave a reception for supporters of the Trust in the State Apartments, Kensington Palace.

December 8: The Duke of Gloucester today presented the Brighton Up London Awards at The Savoy Hotel, London W2.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Blund was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
December 8: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this afternoon attended the Annual Christmas Party of the "Not Forgotten" Association at the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace.

Mrs David Napier was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
December 8: Princess Alexandra this afternoon launched MV

of Mull, the new vessel for the Calsonic MacBrayne Ltd, at the shipyard of Appleby Ferguson Shipbuilders Ltd, Port Glasgow, Renfrewshire.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

A memorial service for Sir John Colville will be held at St George's, Westminster, on Thursday, January 21, at noon.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Milton, London, 1908; Karl Wilhelm Scheele, chemist, discoverer of oxygen, Stralsund, Germany, 1742.

DEATHS: Sir Anthony van Dyke, painter, London, 1641; Dame Edith Sitwell, London, 1904; Karl Barth, theologian, Basel, 1968; Ralph Bunche, diplomat, Nobel Peace laureate, 1950, New York, 1971.

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Colonel Douglas McCord, who recently retired from the Army, to be curator of Hatfield House. Mr J.H.P. Denton, housemaster at Ridley College, to be Principal of Elizabeth College, Guernsey, on the retirement of Mr R.A. Wheldon in August 1988.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen attends dinner given by officers of The Royal Tank Regiment at Vintners' Hall at 8, to mark seventeenth anniversary of Battle of Cambrai.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visits Royal Smithfield Show at Earls Court at 11.15.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, presents tenth annual awards of Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts at Victoria and Albert Museum at 6.15.

The Duke of Gloucester opens A

Birthdays today

Miss Joan Armbradgill, singer, 37; Mr Billy Bremner, footballer, 45; Sir Stanley Brown, former chairman, CEBG, 77; Sir John Gielgud, former director-general, British Council, 62; Miss Judi Dench, actress, 53; Mr Kirk Douglas, actor, 71; Mr Douglas Fairbanks, jr, actor, 78; Mr Benny Green, musician, writer and broadcaster, 60; Mr F.G. Hankins, chairman, Fitch Lovell, 61; Mr Robert Hawke, Prime Minister of Australia, 58; Dr Lionel Kopelovitz, president, Board of Deputies of British Jews, 61; Mr Justice Maughan, 57; Lord Morris, 50; Sir Geoffrey Nicholson, former MP, 86; Miss Isabel Poole, Sheriff of the Lothian and Borders at Edinburgh, 46; Lord Rees, QC, 61; Miss Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, opera singer, 72; Sir Peter Smithers, former MP, 74; Miss Rita Stephen, trade unionist, 62.

G Leventis Gallery of Cypriot Antiquities at British Museum at 6.20.

The Duke of Kent, as vice-chairman of British Overseas Trade Board, visits J. H. Fenner, Marston, near Hull, at 11.30; Aida, Hull, at 2; and Halespice Sports Centre, Hull, at 2.50. He attends Hull Incorporated Chamber of Commerce and Shipping's 150th anniversary dinner at Guildhall, Hull, at 6.30.

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Miss Jill Morrell petitioning the Iranian Embassy yesterday (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Appeal on captive journalist

The woman friend of a British hostage in Lebanon yesterday appealed in a letter to the Prime Minister to adopt a "more flexible, pragmatic" response to the plight of British kidnappers held in Beirut.

The letter was delivered by Miss Jill Morrell, whose colleague and friend, Mr John McCarthy, aged 32, has been in captivity for 690 days. Miss Morrell also visited the Iranian Embassy in London where

she presented a petition signed by 2,000 journalists calling for Tehran to work for his release.

In her letter to Mrs Thatcher, Miss Morrell wrote: "We appeal to you to increase your efforts to obtain John's release... A policy of non-negotiation with terrorists should not preclude dialogue and contact with those parties who could help influence the people holding John."

She added that seven foreign hostages had been released in the 20 months since Mr McCarthy's abduction, none of them British.

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OBITUARY

WING CDR MIKE CROSSLEY

High-scoring wartime fighter ace

Wing Commander Mike Crossley, OBE, DSO, DFC, who died at his home in White River, in the Transvaal, on December 7, at the age of 75, was a high-scoring fighter pilot who made his name in the desperate air battles which raged over Dunkirk in June 1940, and then commanded the famous 32 Squadron at Biggin Hill during the Battle of Britain.

Michael Nicholson Crossley was at Eton and then went to the College of Aeronautical Engineering, before joining the RAF in 1936. He was posted to 32 Squadron, then flying Gauntlet biplane fighters.

In 1938, the squadron received Hurricanes, and was fully operational with the new fighter at the outbreak of war. Nicholson was by this time a flight commander, and when the Germans invaded France in May, 1940, he led Red Flight in sorties across the Channel, strafing enemy aircraft on the ground, and taking on the waves of German bombers which harried the British Army's retreat.

Much to his chagrin his first opportunity to shoot down an enemy aircraft came to nothing, when, with a Heinkel He 111 in his sights he realized too late that he had forgotten to cock his guns.

He soon made rich amends, and by the end of the week had claimed four Messerschmitt Me 109s. In the fierce struggle in the skies over the Dunkirk beaches he continued to do a fearsome execution on a numerically superior enemy, and got his DFC before June was out.

Before the Battle of Britain even began he had shot down nine aircraft and had a half share in another. This was a remarkable performance in a period of non-stop, and nerve-racking air combat. For his leadership of his flight and for his personal courage Crossley was known throughout the Air Force as the "Red Knight".

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THE ARTS

Present laughter is no joke

Trumpheted by protest, *Spitting Image* (ITV) made fun on Sunday of one of our better-known spiritual leaders, Mr James Anderton. (Apparently, it is more acceptable to show a policeman as a man of God than God as a policeman — and a puppet one to boot).

Last night, without it seems the publicity benefits of present outrage, Jim Davidson in the *Jim Davidson Comedy Package* (ITV), made fun of another spiritual leader. Indian food, he told us with enlightened delicacy, does not only burn the mouth — which is why Gandhi wore a nappy. This poking of fun at for-

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eigners was continued with the joke about the Chinese waiter.

This tale of two shows is not, however, just another curious inconsistency in our approach to television. (As also shown by Mrs Thatcher's witty suggestion that smokers be banned from the screen, not because of the players' lethal intake of fags and booze but because of their legally prescribed beta-blockers). It also demonstrates that what can often go wrong beyond the self-conscious flapping of the fringe is right entertainment.

"Alternative" comedy may create a fuss by seeking to change things but its effect is often less significant — and perhaps less sinister — than the ability of mainstream culture to absorb threats to its values.

The talented Mr Davidson's technique was to disarm criticism by starting off the programme by saying that he was not going to make jokes against foreigners (he listed them at length). He then said good night and started again. Next he dealt with the danger of his image being tarnished by tabloid exposés by making jokes about his drinking and driving offences and his womanizing.

As though in mocking confirmation of the more enduring strengths of the mainstream, Davidson ended his show by rolling on Des O'Connor who declared he would try some alternative comedy. Out came a real old chestnut of a joke whose punchline Jim stole. Then there was an alternative but for the oldest joke of them all — Des sang.

Andrew Hislop

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A night to remember

English opera star Thomas Allen scored a triumph in the title role of *Don Giovanni* at the opening of La Scala in Milan. Nigel Jamieson was there to record a fine performance

The first night of La Scala season always suffers from excessive advance publicity, and this year it has been even worse than usual. For the past month every Italian newspaper and magazine has been bursting with articles about every aspect of the new *Don Giovanni*: the critics have been predicting that it would be the opera production of the century, and tickets were finally changing hands for over £1,000 each.

Thomas Allen, at least, did not disappoint expectations in his Scala debut. He threw himself into the title role just as his Giovanni throws himself into every exploit — completely and without reserve. It is a fascinating interpretation, the key to which he does everything — whether seducing, laughing, cursing or defying, he has a simple sincerity that gives him an air of almost childlike innocence: he seems about as morally responsible as a baby throwing a tantrum. The Englishman was in superb voice, his shading of every word a miracle of vocal acting and his mezzo voice more mellifluous than ever.

From the dark menace of the opening chords until the hollow brightness of the finale, Riccardo Muti brilliantly brought out the crucial contrast of light and darkness that runs through the score. It was a

performance full of extremes of tempo and dynamics which rarely seemed exaggerated, so closely were they bound to the drama — intimate and reflective passages sometimes moved so slowly that in lesser hands they would have been in danger of grinding to a halt, but the colour and intensity Muti drew from his orchestra always sustained them and compelled attention. Their recitatives, vividly accompanied by forte piano, were also tinged over — to the point that they had the pace of dialogue in a play instead of being rattled through to get to the next aria. That this was a great gain is a tribute to the intelligence and clarity with which every member of the cast delivered the text.

Francisco Araiza was an excellent Otavio — his introverted bearing and propensity to sing (beautifully) as quietly as possible, whenever possible, implied that this hesitant aristocrat is more a dreamer than a wimp. He did, however, summon the necessary martial ardour for his immaculately articulated "Il mio tesoro".

The casting of Edita Gruberová as

his treasure was more problematic; her fame is based on her ability to sing florid music to brilliant expressive effect, but the actual timbre of her voice is unremarkable and lacks natural colour. In the early scene she struggled in vain to make much impression, especially when competing with Muti's rich, dark textures in the pit. She came into her own in the sextet and triumphed at the end of "Non mi dir", but it is a strange Donna Anna who is most memorable for her virtuosic execution of the infamous coloratura.

Ann Murray was an Elvira who forced us to take her plight more seriously than usual. Her actions were all directed at reclaiming Giovanni for herself, never at merely spoiling his fun. "Ah! Ti ritrovo ancor", when she finds him flattered Donna Anna, was filled with genuine disappointment rather than anger. Murray sang and acted with such conviction that one could often forget that the part is really too high for her.

The young American Susanne Mentzer was an attractive Zerlina,

although she used her bright, simple soprano more interestingly in ensembles than in her arias. Sergei Koptchak's cavernous and far from marmoreal tones resounded from beyond the grave.

Leporello was marvellously acted by Claudio Desderi as the willing accomplice — so willing that he makes peace with his master even before being belted — who reveals in Giovanni's adventures but is also filled with remorse at the consequences; the subtleties of his conscience emphasize the fact that his master does not have one. Desderi's voice, short on both range and resonance, did not pass the Scala test and he was volubly booed at his curtain call.

Giorgio Strehler must be given much credit for his direction of the individual characters, especially Allen's Giovanni, but he fails to provide a coherent style for the production as a whole.

Edo Frigerio's all fresco settings are very handsome — Italianate and a long way from Seville — but his decision to narrow the Scala stage with permanent neo-Classical columns creates the impression that we experience the opera in quotation marks, which is at odds with the directness of the acting.

The production of the century would surely need all the components to be of the calibre of Allen and Muti.

Why this Barber is a cut above

John Higgins previews Channel 4's *Barber of Seville*

At the start of the Seventies, Claudio Abbado gathered around him at La Scala a remarkable team of Rossini singers. Berganza was the mezzo heroine, Alva the tenor, while Enzo Dara and Paolo Montarsolo shared the buffo roles. Jean Pierre Ponnelle was appointed controller of comedy.

There is a chance to catch an example of that teamwork in tonight's television transmission of Unital's *The Barber of Seville* (Channel 4, 9pm) which may date back to 1972 but happens to be one of the

best films of comic opera ever made.

Ponnelle's guiding hand is ever visible from breaking of dawn in Seville during the opening scene, where the buildings gradually take on their sharp white shapes, to the detail of the Spanish commedia.

Ponnelle may occasionally go over the top — Bartolo's tiresome servant Ambrogio gives one yawn too many, so inducing the same in us — but

he captures character and he captures visual style in a way few Barber directors succeed in doing — vide Jonathan Miller at the Coliseum.

Hermann Prey's Figaro slides off his rooftop hammock, just as he did in the 1968 Salzburg *Barbieri* where the whole Abbado Rossini cycle could be said to have started, to get down to business in "Largo al factotum".

It is an extrovert, energetic performance among the lei-

sured upper middle classes, led by Luigi Alva's Almaviva, white teeth flashing and full of the flame of love — he does though look a bit like Desmond Lynam when he adds a black moustache under a white wig as the disguised officer.

Enzo Dara's bloodhound features, which can be seen in Covent Garden's revival of *L'elisir d'amore* later this week, turn Bartolo into an old dog with quite a lot of bark left

in him, especially when it comes to articulating Rossini's patter ensembles.

But the glory of the cast remains Teresa Berganza's Rosina with saucer eyes and smoky timbre in the voice to suggest that she could turn all the males of Seville around her little finger.

The sound quality of the tape I heard did not always do justice to the Scala Orchestra under Abbado, but that may well have been corrected by the time of tonight's transmission. The year 1972 was a great vintage in Milan: have the video at the ready.

Hail and farewell

CONCERTS

Adriana Lecouvreur
Barbican/Radio 3

Poisoned violets is the killer-weapon are but the ultimate ingredient in the heady concoction of *Adriana Lecouvreur*, for which an international cast was assembled in what seemed the Quixotic venture of a single concert performance.

Cilea's opera of 1902 clings to the fringes of theatre repertory elsewhere but has never taken root in Britain, where a Neapolitan company at the 1963 Edinburgh Festival last brought a major production of it.

Like others of its kind the content is romantic fiction twisted from historical fact, Lecouvreur having been a famous French actress who died young in 1730. Cilea gives his heroine a passage from Racine to declaim as well as a couple of fine tunes to sing (one of which is plugged at every emotional climax) and sopranos adore it for the chance of voicing every kind of emotion within a

musical range that makes few extravagant demands on technique.

Even anchored to her platform place here, Natalia Troitskaya, a spray of violets pinned to her dress, visibly lived the character for us, and sang with generous warmth of feeling that missed only the vulnerability at the heart of it. Her murderous rival, the Princess de Bouillon, brought the British debut of Cleopatra Ciorca with piercing tone and forthright venom, and best of all was the return of Giacomo Aragall in lyrical ardour as the wayward object of the women's affections.

Another newcomer was the Chinese conductor Maximilian Valdes, who spent most of the first two acts worrying the English Chamber Orchestra through unfamiliar territory, and only began to generate some necessary musical tension with the first confrontation of the rival women. Thereafter he kept a competent course, though in a half-filled hall the balance of orchestra and voices, including the London Oriens Choir, had some strange effects, and little case was made for a theatre revival.

Noel Goodwin

Philharmonia/
Sinopoli
Festival Hall

If the South Bank is really to have a better, brighter future, evenings such as this, which came as close to cultural enlightenment as good entertainment as an ice-cream down the neck, will have to go.

A 12-minute delay in starting was the first misstep ("London traffic" was blamed perhaps eminent musicians expect to be transported to their workplaces on wings of song). Then came a performance of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto by a young Japanese player, Mariko Senja, who should surely have been making her London debut in less excited circumstances.

She displayed sweet tone and a flexible approach, however much Giuseppe Sinopoli's torpid grasp of the orchestral accompaniment allowed flexibility. But her musical personality is simply not yet big

enough, and there was some markedly earnest intonation.

Bruckner's Fifth Symphony is not a work to perform if one has no strong convictions about why it exists, in all its bulk, and how it works. Sinopoli's approach seemed happiest in passages where the Philharmonia could show its nervous matter: the strings in the Adagio's great second subject, as the distinguished trumpet section blazing into the finale's home striding.

Vest tracts of the outer movements seemed to exist only from moment to moment, with few long-term implications made explicit. Nor was the playing always polished.

Rehearsal time is stretched very thinly over a work of this length, of course, and that shored in some tentative string playing during the finale's fugue, in the introduction of the horn chorale, and in some competitive ensemble in the Scherzo. Here the players seemed surprised by some of Sinopoli's tempo choices.

Richard Morrison

Electrification
of the Soviet
Union
QEH

There was the suspicion, after the early performances of Nigel Osborne's opera in October, that Peter Sellars's highly agitated production was getting in the way of the words and the music.

Monday night's simplified staging, without the white walls of the set screaming about, though still with a good deal of hysteria in the movement of the characters, was a chance to come a little nearer the piece.

It was still impossible to hear much of Craig Raine's libretto, which would not

matter if one did not feel, both in the bluesy strophic songs and in the dramatic dialogue, that immediate comprehension is intended and necessary.

The tone is, after all, and despite the evident artifice of the verse, realistic: the music does not seem to want to dissolve the words; its main intention is rather to keep up an accompanying orchestral stream of feverish excitement.

The characters certainly come to life, though, in the vivid performances of this cast, led by Omar Elrahman as the dazed but strong-voiced young poet, Elizabeth Laurence as the feeble governess and Anna Steiger as the generously lyrical prostitute.

Paul Griffiths

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Ringing a bell or two

THEATRE

Bells Are Ringing
Greenwich

The songs in this old Jule Styne musical have been around for 30 years, first climbing the hit parade in the days when Elvis was young. One of the dance routines is even a cha-cha-cha: with idiot lyrics that add nothing at all to the reputation of the lyricists, Adolph Green and Betty Comden.

But for every 10 people who can identify the songs as belonging to this musical, hundreds can bust and possibly sing snatches of *Long Before I Knew You* where here and heroine celebrate their meeting, and *Just in Time* where they remind each other how lucky they have been, and *The Party's Over* where, well, it's time to call it a day.



Lesley Mackie in *Bells*

The lyrics of *Just in Time* are elegantly simple, conjuring up a joky-tender emotion that marries wit and feeling charmingly together: "I was lost, the losing dice were tossed, my

bridges all were crossed." Comden and Green at the peak.

There are other gems too, like the absurd hymn to Salzburg-by-the-sea, a *marche des nations* performed with eye-rolling panache by Petra Skalski and John Levitt: "Salzburg, oh where the flying fishes play!"

The story is about Ella, who waits for an ever-elusive service and tries to help out the lives of the clients.

In John Doyle's production Lesley Mackie plays her as a demure lass with shy smile and a gulp in the throat, but only seldom does she find in the character what presumably Judy Holliday found, something that made you care about her love life.

The task is not made easier by giving her a love object (Ray Lomax) about whom it is hard to continue.

Jeremy Kingston

Prescription for survival

ROCK

The Cure
Wembley Arena

The great strength of The Cure is that, under Robert Smith's tutelage, the group has been able to develop in an atrociously like fashion to take account of and indeed influence external developments over a 10-year period, without sacrificing its own distinctive identity.

Thus, at a time when Pink Floyd is doing big business in America, and the Sisters of Mercy have returned to the fray, Smith and his cohorts are to be found playing the gothic card for all it is worth, with a

long set that incorporated much of the material from this year's sub-psychotic work-out, *Kiss Me, Kiss Me, Kiss Me*.

The apogee of the approach came with a dramatic rendition of "The Snake Pit", which commenced with a slow, sinuous, mantra-like riff, redolent, say, of "Set The Controls For The Heart Of The Sun".

A striking collage of circling pink and blue lights pierced the rolling banks of dry ice which enveloped the six static musicians, all dressed in oversized white shirts and sporting a variety of hairstyles based on a "One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest" theme.

The group's weakness is a tendency to indulge in each

musical contemplation of its novel to a point slightly beyond that which marks a comfortable attention span for the listener; 10 "uncovers" lasting a total of 45 minutes was going it a bit, even if they finally did play "Killing An Arab", the remarkable single which launched them as contenders on the art-rock wing of the new wave in 1978.

Other singles, including the hits "Why Can't I Be You" and "The Love Cats", struck a lighter, more upbeat note, though without impinging on the precise, doomy sense of mission conveyed both by the wondrously imaginative lighting and the knowing, insular performance overall.

David Sinclair

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Dear Mr Alton...



Capital punishment used to be the issue that dominated an MP's posting, but David Alton (left), Liberal MP for

Liverpool, Mossley Hill, has discovered that in the public psyche hanging doesn't hold a candle to abortion, writes Morris Fletcher. Since announcing that he was to promote a private member's Bill to cut the legal limit for abortion from 28 to 18 weeks, he has received more than 5,000 letters from every corner of the country. "It's extraordinary, I have never been involved in a political issue that generates such passion and emotion," he says. He has had death threats, prayer cards, poems and photographs of children who might have been aborted, letters of support and letters of abuse: here we publish extracts from some of them.

As I have a genetic disability (muscular dystrophy) I feel very strongly that babies should not be aborted, particularly if the only reason is because they are disabled or "abnormal". Babies are to pay God and judge what his name is. Even if a baby has a disability, it would not survive my love, but I am not to have a disabled baby. I have been a professional adviser and put a lot of babies and babies who are presented to me.

Your proposed Bill only affects this minority of women, women who have already been through probably the worst experience of their life an experience which should have been the most beautiful. Your Bill robs us of this confidence factor, the confidence that should an abnormality be found after 18 weeks which is clear it is most likely to be diagnosed that we would not have the choice to have the pregnancy terminated. The choice you are giving to the majority you are denying to the minority, who really need abortion to be available to them.

The happiest nine years of my life were those I spent with my little daughter. What is least bad in me I owe to Philippa. She brought great good into the world and a necessary part of that goodness was her Down's Syndrome. I applaud your brave stand.

I am a 27-year-old physiotherapist who is 19 weeks pregnant. Over the past two weeks my partner and I have been through what I can only call a nightmare after my two alpha-fetoprotein tests came back positive. Tomorrow I am to have an amniocentesis to see whether my child has spina bifida or not. I love my child, and I am so proud of my child. I know that I cannot go through with the pregnancy no matter how shattering and terrible this may be. Through my work I have seen many, many spina bifida babies, children and adults upon operation after operation, pain upon pain, ruining parents' and families' lives forever. I know you are about to say "What about the joy they bring to their families?" but I have spoken to some of the families. I'm afraid I can't say they talk about it - but suffering. You will never know what it is like to carry a child and know that it could be handicapped, so please don't push your views on the women who have to endure it.

A mother described how she and her new-born son, deformed by a genetic disorder, to be allowed to "die naturally".

Timothy was God's precious gift to us and we were to receive him gladly. If God wanted him back at any time then that was his divine right, but we would not give him away. He was the child I wanted and enjoyed carrying so much, and the baby I had grown to love and cherish in the last nine months. In the end Timothy was with us for just six months, but all I can say is that devastating though his birth was, it was absolutely nothing to the feelings on his death. Though I have many regrets about things I did or didn't do during his lifetime, I will always know that when it came to the choice I said "Yes". My life has been irrevocably changed through having Timothy and to list the ways in which he has enriched my life and left behind a legacy too precious to be valued would take forever.

In October my daughter gave birth to a full term baby but it turned out that he had Charge Syndrome and he lived only six days. If it could have been detected in early pregnancy then it should and the mother given the chance to abort. He would have been our first grandchild and believe me we really wanted that

baby. It is traumatic enough having a baby to love then only to have it for six days - words can't describe how we feel. We have to pick up the pieces again and my daughter's mental agony will go on for many years. I passionately hope you don't get your Bill passed. Today we went to witness our baby's ashes buried and you say about baby's rights, it really didn't come into it at all.

I am a junior doctor working in a special care baby unit. In the unit we often spend all day and night battling to save the life of just one of these babies... I find it incredible that in the same hospital babies can be saved in one ward and killed in the next by the same profession.

Please don't talk to me about "quality of life" for handicapped people - what about the quality of my life and that of my husband and son. My husband and I have only had one evening a year off in the last 10 years. We can't take our son to a zoo, exhibition, fair or show because his handicapped sister couldn't cope. At the moment one of us goes to school functions while the other stays at home. It would be good for my son to have both his parents present - it would be good for both his parents too.

One woman told how in the 1970s she gave birth after 23 weeks to a daughter who died after six months

but whose science could probably now have saved.

Anyone who feels that a child is an unrecognizable blob cannot ever have seen a 23-week-old baby. I wish some of the pro-abortionists could speak to the consultant who delivered my baby and ask him why he bothered to wrap her in his own coat to keep her warm, bothered to rush her down to the incubator, and did what they could to save her - a child who at 23 weeks looked like her father it was unbelievable. I will never forget my first baby, Julie, her birthday, or her funeral with a coffin the size of a large shoe box.

Last year I gave birth to a handicapped child after the best possible ante-natal care available. Now I am classified as "high risk". Your Bill affects women who have already been through probably the worst experience of their lives - an experience which should have been the most beautiful. It robs us of this confidence factor, the confidence that should an abnormality be found after 18 weeks which is when it is most likely to be diagnosed that we would not have the choice to have the pregnancy terminated. The choice you are giving to the majority you are denying to the minority, who really need abortion to be available to them.

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Change chances

Changing direction in mid-career takes courage. "But there are thousands of women who find themselves on a path which doesn't interest them," Carolyn Ackroyd, of the Career Changer's Network, says. "Sometimes they're stuck because there's a prevailing attitude that one should be grateful to have a career at all," she says. Having found herself in that boat, she founded the network (under the umbrella of Women in Management) to help women make the switch. "Many want to quit the public sector," she says, but members are also drawn from a wide spectrum of professions such as marketing and sales, and most once a month to lend support and exchange useful contacts. The network is at 64 Marryat Road, London SW15 5BN (01-946 1235).

BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

Fund-raising fun

In our recent article "Royal icing on the Charity Cake" we did not mention the Princess of Wales's role as patron of the Commonwealth Society for the Deaf, and Turning Point, the leading organization for those with drug, alcohol and mental problems. Both are planning special Christmas fund-raising activities. The Commonwealth Society, of 105 Gower Street, London WC1E 6AH (01-387 8033), will be hosting a Christmas carol service at St Martin-in-the-Fields which will feature several choirs, on December 16 at 6.30pm, with a collection in aid of the fund. And Turning Point, of Cap House, 9/12 Long Lane, London EC1A 9HA (01-606 3947), has persuaded Gucci to produce a special commemorative dish featuring the charity's logo, available from 27 Old Bond Street, London W1 (01-629 2716) to personal shoppers.

Quote me...



"I often think how wonderful it would be if we could ban Shakespeare for five years. It would do him and all of us so much good."

Dame Peggy Ashcroft

Bearing gifts

What do you buy for the man who has everything, including most of Cornwall? A Henry Sloane bear (green wellies, cloth cap) is this year's hot seller at Frog Hollow, the toy shop a stone's throw from Kensington Palace. "With one exception, the bears have been bought exclusively for grown-ups," the emporium reports. At £49.95, it is hardly surprising. At present Henry - from the makers of Paddington - is outselling his cuddly counterpart Caroline (pearls, green wellies, velvet hair bow). "But we're keeping a supply of Caros handy for the last few days before Christmas. In our experience, the men always leave their shopping till absolutely the last minute."

Josephine Fairley

A woman among equals

The next head of the Equal Opportunities Commission talks of her plans

Two weeks ago Joanna Foster returned to her home in North Oxford, to find an official-looking letter on the post of chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission when Lady Platt, the current chairman, retires next May.

Foster, the mother of two teenagers and head of the Industrial Society's Pepperell Unit, which runs training courses for companies, was stunned. She asked her 15-year-old daughter, Kate, to read the letter aloud to her. She then stunned 19-year-old son, Hugo, and husband, Jonathan, a management education consultant.

"I had no idea that I was even being considered for chairman, let alone be offered the post outright without an interview. I know Lady Platt and I've met a wide cross-



Joanna Foster: "I had no idea I was even being considered"

section of people through my work. But I'd never seen Douglas Hurd who's responsible for the appointment." She describes her life as a "patchwork quilt": her career, has fallen into place in between trailing her children round France and America, depending on her husband's work. However, although she

explaining how valuable women are when they return from raising families.

It is the perennial conflict between family and career that Foster hopes to tackle in her new £37,760-a-year job. "Attitudes need to change," she says. "Employers must understand that work shouldn't destroy home life."

The commission was set up to eliminate sex discrimination, create more equal opportunities, keep legislation under review and make recommendations to Parliament. It is thought that its new chairman will introduce a "more commercial element" than Lady Platt, who has made great advances in education and training.

Indeed, Foster, aged 48, has gained considerable commercial experience. "I was brought up in Bristol, but because I was overshadowed by a bunch of very bright contemporaries, I didn't take a degree." Instead, she spent a year studying French in Grenoble, where she met her husband. She returned to Bristol to do a secretarial course, joined Vogue, where she carried props for photographers at £6 a week, and then took a job with Condé Nast in New York which led to work on the San Francisco Chronicle.

Back in England, she married, and then worked for the Conservative Party before moving to the Industrial Society.

She continued to work part-time after her children were born. "We had a marvellous cleaning lady/babysitter and would swap children with neighbours. It made me realize how important child-care support is when it comes to equal opportunities."

She says that in her new role she will be "concentrating on the word 'opportunity' and removing the road-blocks so we don't have to make sacrifices. And I want this for women down the line and not just high-flyers. I'm a feminist if that means wanting opportunities. But it mustn't be at the cost of the family. I also want to look at prejudice against men: many feel women get all the press."

Jane Bidder

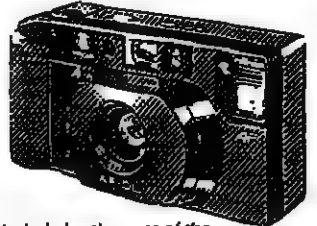
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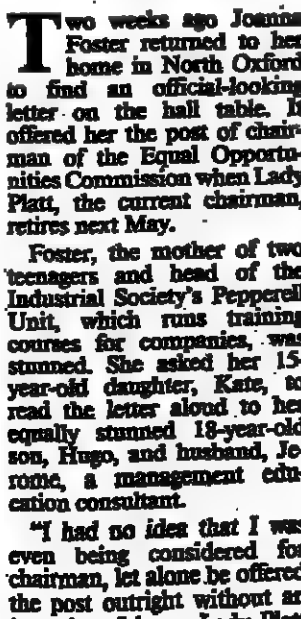
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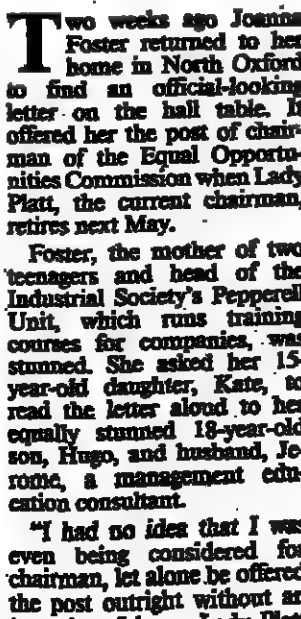
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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Davalle
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BBC1

- 6.00 **Coolfax AM.** News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins.
- 6.25 **Edgar Kennedy in Hilbilly Goat (by).** 6.35 **Weather.**
- 7.00 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxton. Includes regional news and travel reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; and weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.
- 8.40 **Open Air.** Patti LaBelle invites viewers to phone in with their comments on yesterday's television output. To participate call 061 814 0424.
- 8.55 **Regional News** and weather.
- 9.00 **News** and weather, followed by **Neighbours (r).**
- 9.20 **Kilroy.** Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject.
- 10.00 **News** and weather, followed by **Going for Gold (r).**
- 10.25 **Chatterbox.** A BBC1 Crane introduces **Play School (r)**, followed by **Willy the Wisp (r).**
- 10.55 **Five to Eleven** with Gary Watson.
- 11.00 **News** and weather, followed by **Open Air** with Bob Wellings and Patti LaBelle.
- 12.00 **News** and weather, followed by **Armstrong.** Judi Spink, Alan Titchmarsh and Ross Davidson are joined by comedy expert Sophie Grigson.
- 12.35 **Regional News** and weather.
- 1.00 **One O'Clock News** with Michael Buerk. Weather.
- 1.30 **Neighbours.** The Ramsay household have an unexpected visitor, and David and Susan struggle about her scheme.
- 1.40 **Going for Gold.** European quiz series hosted by Henry Kelly.
- 2.15 **Starring Kevin Costner** as a streetwise gambler with a system, and Andra Milian as an introverted law student with a winning way with cards. When they team up to sing the

- casino, they discover the gambling house is not playing fair. Directed by Jim Wilson.
- 2.30 **Catnip.** A trail. 4.10 **Laurel and Hardy (r).** 4.15 **Bang, Bang and the Allen Prince (r).** 4.25 **Harvest (Coast).**
- 5.00 **Newsround** with Roger Finn, Helen Robson and John Craven. **Alone in the Family.** Bond's enemies are closing in (Coast).
- 5.25 **Masterman 87.** Tonight's teams come from Durham and Essex. Presented by Angela Ripston.
- 6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. 6.35 **London Plus.**
- 7.00 **Wogan.** Terry celebrates 100 years of Sherlock Holmes with Peter Cushing; his other guests are Jeremy Irons and Bill Waddell, curator of Scotland Yard's Black Museum.
- 7.25 **The Clothes Show** puts on a fashion show at the King Edward VI School in Morpeth (r).
- 8.00 **Dad's Army.** In the continuing saga of Southfork, J.R. takes brother Bobby for a ride, and Pam gets a surprise bedside visitor (Coast).
- 8.50 **Points of View** with Anne Robinson.
- 9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Marylin Lewis and Debbie Thewler. Regional news and weather.
- 9.30 **The Visit.** Living Like a Lord. In 1980 Ken Murray, a 73-year-old widower living in Tasmania, unexpectedly inherited the title of Earl of Dunmore. Although it brought him no money or lands he decided to visit London to take his seat in the House of Lords. Desmond Wilcox accompanied him on his journey (Coast).
- 10.20 **Sportnight** introduced by Steve Rider. Includes coverage of the Six-a-Side Football Finals from Manchester; plus the Midland Bank World Indoor Pairs Championship quarterfinals from Bournemouth.
- 12.10 **Weather.** Good news.

BBC2

- 6.00 **Coolfax.**
- 12.00 **Six-a-Side Football.** Highlights from the last two nights' action in the Guinness Soccer Special from Manchester.
- 1.30 **Heads and Tails (r).**
- 1.35 **Planners of Photography.** First of eight programmes focuses on Henry Fox Talbot (r).
- 2.00 **News** and weather, followed by **World Bowls.** David Icke introduces live coverage of the first quarterfinal of the Midland Bank World Indoor Pairs Championship. Includes 3.00 and 3.50 **News** and weather.
- 4.00 **It's My Pleasure.** Desmond Lynam takes Robert Maxwell under memory lane.
- 4.30 **World Service.** Further coverage.
- 4.50 **Advice Shop.** Margo MacDonald examines the type of housing suitable for elderly people who want to remain as independent as possible.
- 6.00 **Comic Capers** with Sid James, Hattie Jacques and team when a cabby's neglected wife secretly sets up a glamorous rival taxi firm. Directed by Gerald Thomas.
- 7.25 **Cartoon Two (r).**
- 7.40 **The Victorian Kitchen Garden.** Last in the series about the restoration and working of a 100-year-old walled garden. Head gardener, Harry Dodson, prepares for the Christmas festivities and reflects on the past year (Coast).
- 8.10 **Timeswatch.** (see Choice).
- 8.50 **MPA'S-74.** The hunt is on at the 407th for the Soldier of the Month; and Frank becomes Rat Control Officer (r).
- 9.25 **A Perfect Spy.** Alistair Fynn in *Coram* and Mary becomes suspicious (Coast).
- 10.30 **Newsnight.** Peter Snow presents live coverage of the Reagan/Gorbachev summit in Washington; plus Donald MacConnick in London with comments from Richard Perle, former US Defense Secretary, Ed Muskie, former US presidential candidate, and Vladimir Forster, Soviet commentator.
- 11.05 **Weatherview.**
- 11.10 **Beethoven Piano Sonatas.** Daniel Barenboim plays the Sonatas in C minor, Op 10, No 1 (r). Ends 11.35.

ITV/LONDON

- 6.00 **TV-am** includes news on the hour and half hour, plus cartoons and family entertainment.
- 6.00 **Arne Diamond presents Good Morning Britain.** 9.00 **After Nine** presented by Jayne Irving.
- 9.25 **Thames News headlines.** 9.30 **Runway.** Travel and tactics quiz.
- 10.00 **Santa Barbara.** 10.25 **ITN News headlines.**
- 10.30 **The Time... The Place.** Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject.
- 11.10 **Albion (r).** 11.25 **Thames News Headlines.**
- 11.30 **Century 21.** First in the new series for older viewers includes Barbara Kelly talking about her operation for throat cancer; and a discussion about how the environment affects people with respiratory problems.
- 12.00 **The Sullivan.** Australian family drama series set in the Forties.
- 12.30 **ITN News.** 12.50 **Thames News.**
- 1.00 **A Country Practice.** Medical drama series set in a rural Australian community.
- 2.00 **Green Wits.** World game presented by Tom O'Connor.
- 2.30 **Franks on the Box.** Muriel Gray and Marie Helvin visit New York to do their Christmas shopping and check out America's latest style trends.
- 3.00 **Take The High Road.** Douglas is in a dilemma, and Carol and Bob make an announcement.
- 3.25 **Thames News.**
- 3.30 **Sons and Daughters.** Family drama series set in Australia.
- 4.00 **Children's ITV** presented by Gary Tazawa and Debbie Shore. The Ponderosa. 4.10 **The Telebugs.** 4.20 **The Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin.** 4.50 **World of Wonder.** A 15-minute guest presenter's look at the world of *Allo, Allo*.
- 6.15 **Snooker.** Coverage of this afternoon's play of The Deltapete, Northampton.
- 6.45 **ITN News (Oracle).**

CHANNEL 4

- 12.00 **Business Daily.** Business and financial news service presented by Susannah Simons.
- 12.30 **Just 4 Fun.** Programme for deaf and hearing children (Oracle).
- 1.00 **Thames News.**
- 1.10 **Thames News.**
- 1.15 **Shooter.** Coverage of the two quarterfinals of the Foster's World Doubles from Northampton.
- 4.00 **Marlene on 4.** Marlene Nicholson talks to Sir Alec Guinness about his latest film, the six-hour adaptation of Dickens's classic *David Copperfield*.
- 4.30 **Countdown.** Today's challenge is Simon Nelson from Leyland, Lancashire.
- 5.00 **Cartoon Central.**
- 5.30 **Drummond of Jezebel.** Scottish American comedy series starring Larry Hagman as the astronaut with a magical friend.
- 6.00 **Family Ties.** American sitcom starring Michael J. Fox (r).
- 6.30 **All in a Day's Life.** Documentary series examining work, leisure and unemployment focuses on joblessness and how people cope with it (Oracle).
- 7.00 **Channel 4 News (Oracle).**
- 7.50 **Comment.** Weather.
- 8.00 **Every Window Tells a Story.** Malcolm Miller, lecturer on stained glass at Chertsey Cathedral, explains the history of stained glass making and produces the art of "reading" the windows (Oracle).
- 8.30 **A Week in Politics** reveals the work of Tory right-wing activists on the Committee for a Free Britain; plus David Sedaris on the new party.
- 9.00 **Opera on Four.** The Barber of Seville. Jean-Pierre Ponnelle's film of Rossini's comic opera. Conducted by Claudio Abbado, with the orchestra and chorus of La Scala (preview page 20).
- 11.20 **The Amish - Not To Be Modern.** Documentary portrait of a year in the life of an Amish colony exploring their simple and traditional existence which shuns the technology and ideas of the 20th century.
- 12.30 **Their Landings' House.** Ends 12.45.

The re-trial of a trial

TELEVISION CHOICE

Twenty-six years ago, a former Gestapo colonel, Adolf Eichmann, went on trial in Jerusalem accused on 15 counts of crimes against the Jewish people. He was found guilty and hanged and his ashes were scattered in the Mediterranean, well clear of Israeli waters. Covering the trial as a journalist was the New York-based philosopher, Hannah Arendt, herself Jewish, born in Germany and a refugee from the Nazi regime. But given this background, her reaction to the trial was unexpected. In a book which enraged many of her fellow Jews, she first questioned the legality of the proceedings, asked whether the charges were based on what the Jews had suffered and not on what Eichmann had done and accused the Israeli premier, David Ben-Gurion, of mounting a show trial. Worse, she claimed that the Jews themselves had co-operated with the Nazis. As to Eichmann himself, impassive throughout in his glass, bullet-proof



The man in the glass booth: Adolf Eichmann on trial in Jerusalem in 1961. Timeswatch, on BBC2, 8.10pm

booth, Arendt said her own unthinking bureaucratic who was incapable of telling right from wrong. The trial and the controversy aroused by Arendt's book are re-examined in *Timeswatch* (BBC2, 8.10pm). Friends and associates of Arendt ponder her words, which now that the dust has been allowed to settle, no longer have quite the same capacity to shock. In

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

6.00 **News** (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below).

6.30 **News on the hour** from 6.30am to 8.30pm, then at 10.00 and 12.00 midnight.

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Restructuring of European steel industry a priority, says Scholey

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Sir Robert Scholey, chairman of the increasingly profitable British Steel Corporation, said last night that the restructuring of the European steel industry is now the "first and foremost" priority for governments and companies.

"Continuing excess capacity resulting from the stagnation of demand following the first oil crisis, as against the expansion of capacity through investment put in train during the boom years of the early 1970s, is, as everyone must now surely understand, at the very heart of the problems faced by the European steel industry."

Sir Robert, speaking in Sheffield as European in-

dustry ministers were attempting to thrash out a new regime of quotas for the steel industry at a meeting in Brussels, said that the EEC steel industry was "gravely handicapped" by its slowness to complete essential restructuring.

The compulsory production quota system, introduced to provide the industry with short-term space while fundamental restructuring took place, now appeared to be seen in some quarters as an end in itself.

"Worse, the industry has become intensely self-regarding and absorbed with its own problems. Indeed, the whole

European Coal and Steel Community steel market support system has become so elaborate and complex that it constitutes a distraction from those key tasks focused on meeting customers' changing requirements to which the industry should urgently be directing its energies in order to ensure its future."

With the BSC heading for a net profit this year of about £350 million and privatization within the next 18 months, Sir Robert, delivering the annual Harfield Memorial Lecture, said there was no future in the European steel industry seeking to continue artificial market support mea-

sures internally on an indefinite basis.

"Nor, on the other hand, is there any future in trying to live permanently behind protective barriers against third country competition except in specific and defined circumstances as provided under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to counter subsidized or dumped imports which threaten to undermine the European industry."

If wholesale protection of steel were to be resorted to and consumers denied access in the long term to genuinely competitive offers from the developing world and elsewhere outside the EEC, the

threat of external competition would simply move downstream, said Sir Robert.

Britain's privately-owned steelmakers, who produce steel largely by the electric arc furnace method, yesterday made a strong plea to the Government not to agree to big electricity price increases next year. At the annual meeting of the British Independent Steel Producers' Association, Mr David Houghton, the president, said the cost of planned price rises would be at least £12.5 million a year to the private steel makers, almost one third of the companies' total combined profits for 1986.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Normality peeps from the clouds of hysteria

Whisper it gently, but financial markets have now enjoyed two successive days free from the hysteria endemic since the October crash. It is too soon to say that normal service has resumed and that investment decisions are once again being made on familiar tests. The key to current events is still more in the realm of mass psychology than in the bread-and-butter territory of yields and profit prospects.

This week's headlines show, however, that life goes on, crash or no crash. On Monday, the French group Legrand put a bid price on MK Electric that validates the levels reached in pre-crash markets. Blue Circle offered £217 million for Birmid Qualcast and the acquisitive Williams Holdings ended its temporary abstinence with a £133 million deal to buy more of the UK paint business.

Yesterday, British & Commonwealth took advantage of lower prices to bid for Abaco, which it knows well. And BP went out to buy cheap oil reserves.

Some of the shrewder financial brains in the City have concluded that there is little point in waiting for the equity market to reach bottom when there is long-term value available today. Experience of the 1974 confidence crisis suggests that when the market turns, it could be harder for bulls to buy than it has been lately for bears to sell.

Those buying now are doing so on the basis that any future falls in share prices are going to reflect the traditional sedate slide of the dreary cyclical bear market rather than anything like a repeat of the autumn crash. Market risk is once again bearable.

There is a high risk of recession in the US and elsewhere. There is a lesser risk of a world recession on the scale that followed the two oil shocks. This depends in part on the economic policy responses adopted by individual countries and agreed internationally. International awareness of the risk and relatively swift reactions have, however, virtually ruled out a depression of the kind that followed the 1929 crash.

On Wall Street, share prices would still look far too high if there were a repeat of the oil shock recessions—at least if ratings on the Standard & Poor's share indices were to sink to the levels seen at the end of 1974 or mid-1980. In London, the risk looks smaller. Share prices have already fallen further and recession should not hit Europe so hard if the West Germans act sensibly.

The 100-share index is still more likely to stand lower than higher in six months' time. Acquisitive industrial companies and big institutional investors must perform accept that risk and return cautiously to something approaching normal business, just as big exporters cannot stop trading to wait for currencies to stabilize.

The beneficial result of that judgement is that both bidders and institu-

tional investors are taking a longer-term view. Industrial logic has returned as the main motive for bidders.

Institutional investors can now be expected to become selective buyers of the quality stocks in those sectors which have been worst hit. This is the classic long view which looks through to the other side of the trough. Cash is still king, but enduring assets are no longer to be despised.

Waltzing in Vienna

Today's meeting of Opec in Vienna opens with the oil price fundamentals pointing in two different directions. The outlook for the world economy has worsened because of the fall in stock market prices which is likely to imply lower demand for oil. But the fall in the dollar exchange rate has already effectively devalued the price of oil in terms of the currencies of many consuming nations. This could increase demand, providing some underpinning for the price in dollar terms.

As Opec's oil ministers begin another round of their stately dance, the mood is sombre. Relations between Saudi Arabia and Iran since the tragedy at Mecca have deteriorated to rock bottom which bodes ill for agreement on production sharing and price support. The last time Saudi-Iranian relations reached their present pitch was at the beginning of 1986 when some members' refusal to stick to their production quotas had forced Saudi Arabia as the "swing producer" to cut its output right back to 2.5 million barrels a day. That was the prelude to the collapse of oil prices in the first half of 1986 which is scarcely a good omen.

Nobody is expecting price movements on that scale this time, but it is clearly going to be difficult for Opec to reach agreement. Iraq is determined to raise its production quota from the 1.54 million bpd allocated to it at present to the 2.37 million bpd agreed for Iran. Iran is equally determined that Iraq's quota shall stay where it is, nor is it prepared, like the Kuwaitis, to forecast an increase in demand for Opec oil overall. The testing time will be the first quarter of next year when high stocks are expected to meet much of the seasonal demand for oil.

For the British economy the implications, as usual, are mixed. Lower oil prices mean higher demand which among things will bring in more government revenue. Revenues from oil will, however, suffer both from any fall in the price and from the fall in the dollar. In his Autumn Statement, the Chancellor assumed an oil price next year averaging \$18 a barrel, which according to Kleinwort Greaves could still be on the cards. Where the dollar will be in 12 months' time is a good deal less certain.

Hartlepool marina scheme launched

Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, yesterday introduced a £40 million scheme to redevelop the Hartlepool waterfront. The aim is to create a large marina complex in the town, on the north-east coast of England, in partnership with private investors and developers, as part of the Government's urban regeneration programme.

The Teesside Development Corporation, chaired by Mr Ron Norman, was the first of the new urban regeneration organizations to be visited by Mrs Thatcher. On that occasion she called for "initiative, talent and ability" to be used in the drive for renewal attributes which the TDC has adopted as its slogan.



Making plans for Teesside: Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary (left), and Ron Norman, chairman of the TDC

Spurs expands into sports and leisurewear

By Michael Tate

Spurs is expanding its business into sports and leisurewear. The fashion group being put together by the Tottenham Hotspur board around the famous North London football club is extending its clothing distribution operations with the acquisition of two sister companies in Leicester for up to £3.48 million.

Marx imports women's sportswear, which is also worn as fashionable casual wear, while Stumps specializes in Nicholas tennis clothing and track suits, and in cricket wear.

All the clothes are manufactured in the Far East and sold through wholesalers, although both companies are beginning to sell through High Street chains, such as House of Fraser and Richards.

The acquisition will double the size of Tottenham Hotspur's leisurewear business, which handles the British distribution of Hummel sports and leisurewear.

The down-payment is £2.48 million, comprising £1 million cash, £1 million in loan notes and 500,000 ordinary shares, but a further £1 million will be payable if profits for the year to next September are on target.

In the year to end September, the companies achieved a combined profit of £383,000, compared with just £61,000 in the 11 months to September 1985. Further growth is forecast for the current year, although the rate of growth is expected to slow down.

Both Mr Barry Kennedy and Miss Jenny Burrell, directors of both companies, will join the enlarged group with three-year service contracts.

Fidelity holds back new PEP

Fidelity Investment Services has deferred the launch of its 1988 Personal Equity Plan until after the Budget next year.

Fidelity was the first group to launch a PEP and is one of the biggest players in the market with about 27,000 investors in its 1987 plan. However, in common with other plan managers, Fidelity has found the response to PEPs in the first year disappointing.

Mr Barry Bateman, the Fidelity managing director, hopes the government, in response to lobbying, will improve tax concessions to make PEPs more attractive.

Building sector set for high rise

By Our Industrial Correspondent

The stock market crash will have little immediate impact on the fortunes of the increasingly buoyant construction industries, says an assessment published yesterday by the National Economic Development Office.

A report from the Nedo construction joint forecasting committee discounts the possibility of a world recession in the wake of the stock market crash. Barring severe worsening of market conditions, an adverse effect on construction from the share fall in share prices would depend on companies reassessing investment plans, it says.

"Any revision to those plans would take some time to affect the level of output of construction."

Builders and civil engineers

were at the end of a "stimulating" year, said the committee, with business levels at their highest for 20 years. The figures for this year are expected to show a rise of 7.5 per cent in the level of work.

"The high growth rate for this year stems entirely from the private sector and in particular from the remarkable rise of at least 20 per cent confidently predicted for commercial construction."

In 1988 and 1989 however, the combination of a lower rate of growth in private-sector construction activity and a higher rate of decline in the public sector implies a moderate rate of growth of building output followed by a marginal improvement.

The Nedo forecast excludes the impact of the Channel

tunnel as it might distort industrial construction figures, but includes the Canary Wharf development in London's Docklands, which adds about 2.5 per cent to commercial construction activity.

The committee said that while construction output would grow by 7.5 per cent this year, new work for the private sector is expected to be 12.5 per cent above last year.

Private housing starts this year are likely to reach a peak of nearly 185,000, the highest since the early 1970s, falling to 170,000 next year.

Public housing starts are expected to fall from 28,000 this year to 22,000 next year and 20,000 in 1989. The committee said the Housing Act could hit the future level of local authority house build-

ing. Only 30,000 council houses will be completed this year, with a fall to 26,000 and 22,000 by 1989.

The value of output of council houses is expected to drop to £200 million in 1989, from £666 million last year.

Commercial construction is expected to remain the star sector of the industries. But only a marginal increase is forecast for 1989 because "the offices sub-sector will then be past the heyday of the Stock Exchange Big Bang era and into the post big-crash era."

The committee considered that some slowdown on the retail side of commercial construction was likely. The rate of growth this year is forecast at 20 per cent, followed by 10 per cent next and 1 per cent in 1989.

Masters of the dance

The demure-looking Debbie Moore, of Pinapple fame, has a surprisingly ill-tempered tongue. When her ex-husband, Norris Masters, told her that he would be making a counter offer for the Pinapple name and its three London dance studios — which she planned to buy — her verbal reaction was apparently unprintable. "She was not very pleased," Masters says diplomatically. He is offering to pay "a proper commercial price" for the business they built up in their "together" days, after talk that Moore would buy it back for a "nominal" fee. The value of the business is still being quantified by Touche Ross, but as Masters, the chairman of Gamba Timesport, Europe's largest dance shoe and clothing manufacturer, tells me: "It's worth more to me than her because it would fit in so well with our existing business — we already have 10 retail shops." Pinapple's studios and fashion business lost £124,000 last year, but Masters is confident that, as with Gamba, he can turn it around. "It was making profits of £200,000 before I left in 1984," he says. Does Moore's move mean the end of her affair with Pinapple chairman Peter Bain, and a reunion with Masters, father of her child? "No chance," says Masters. "I'm living with a very nice lady who runs our Covent Garden shop and am very happy." Moore's London house is, on the other hand, up for sale.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Look back in hunger

There were a lot of rumbling tummy noises yesterday during Dec Corporation's interim results presentation at the Barbican. Food companies can usually be relied upon to supply sustenance to weary backs around lunchtime, and in the pre-Christmas period, some have even been known to dispense hampers (small) of own-label goodies as a public relations ploy. Not so Dec. The press

briefing began after coffee and biscuits at 11.30am, and finished at 12.45pm. But no lunch was on offer, and the dinner or so journalists present had no option but to go off in search of sandwiches elsewhere. The analysts were offered similar fare. Could this be why they have been downgrading their forecasts? And why this morning's newspaper reports were so sour?

Scots missed

Quinness is not the only company to incur the wrath of the powerful Scottish institutions. Standard Chartered Bank, whose agreed merger — and not hostile takeover, as we erroneously suggested the other day — with the Royal Bank of Scotland back in 1981

was quashed by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, also got a hostile reception from the Scottish lobby. "They didn't think we were Scottish enough," says spokesman Will Manser, "even though the surnames of our three top men at the time were Graham (now chairman), McCulloch and McWilliam."



"Just a simple card this year, wishing everybody a very happy Christmas in 1988"

A Christmas present for the discerning man or woman who has everything? For about £140 (Sotheby's estimate) you can buy a bottle of Macallan Royal Marriage Malt Whisky, a blend of 1948 and 1961 malts, created to commemorate the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales. At the same auction, being held today, you could also pick up a special reserve bottle of Martell Cognac, made from 1815, 1906, 1974 and 1918 vintages, to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977. It is expected to fetch as much as £250.

Ronson delighter

For a man facing criminal charges in connection with the Guinness affair, property-topper Gerald Ronson still seems to be feeling remarkably benevolent towards his fellow human beings. In Israel this week, he has apparently been visiting the site of a new high school in the town of Ashkelon, being built in memory of his father, Henry. Multi-millionaire Ronson has already contributed £3.5 million towards the cost of construction and has now, I hear, pledged an additional donation of £50,000 to help furnish it. Word of this generosity comes just a couple of weeks after a Jewish charity boxing function in Marylebone, when amused diners heard a guest speaker from the Fraud Squad thank those who had sent donations, but were unable to attend. Working down the long list, he suddenly paused and, with a wry grin, thanked one Gerald Ronson for his kind donation of £1,000 and his company — Heron Corporation — for advertising in the programme.

London-based staff at EF Hutton, already unhappy with the identity of their new parent company, Shearson Lehman — one broker described it as "the least desirable of the partners we could have married up with" — are, I hear, further aggravated by an immediate freeze on expenses. With the local sandwich delivery firm said to be doing a roaring trade, one employee reported: "We have been told not to even bother to submit expenses."

Carol Leonard

Paterson Zochonis 1987

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Year ended 31st May	1987	1986
Turnover	£207.9m	£241.7m
Profit before tax	£33.3m	£42.3m
Profit after tax	£21.1m	£21.3m
Earnings per share	42.74p	42.97p
Total dividends per share	7.10p	6.50p

The reduction in the group's pre tax profit was more than accounted for by the fall in the value of the Nigerian currency from the equivalent of 61p in May 1986 to 14p in May 1987.

Offsetting the decline, the tax charge has fallen from 49% last year to 37% this year and as a result the profit after tax was only marginally lower.

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Current year

The Cussons and Minerva operations have made a satisfactory start but demand for consumer goods in Nigeria continues to fall affecting the output and margins. If the low level of demand in Nigeria continues the profit of the group for the first half year is expected to show a reduction of 25%.

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WORLD MARKETS ROUNDUP

Opening rise cut back in New York

● **New York** — Arcata Graphics Co said that it has received a 10-year contract worth more than \$100 million to continue printing the West Coast editions of *USA Weekend* for Gannett Co Inc.

Tokyo gains as dealers see market turnaround

Similar concern over slip-

FRANKFURT

Hopes of stable dollar prompt firmer prices

"Much of the buying was speculative," one dealer said. "People hope Thursday's figures will boost the dollar."

HONG KONG

Hang Seng recovers with 91-point rise

Brokers said hopes that the American trade figures, due tomorrow, might show a reduced trade deficit helped buoy prices.

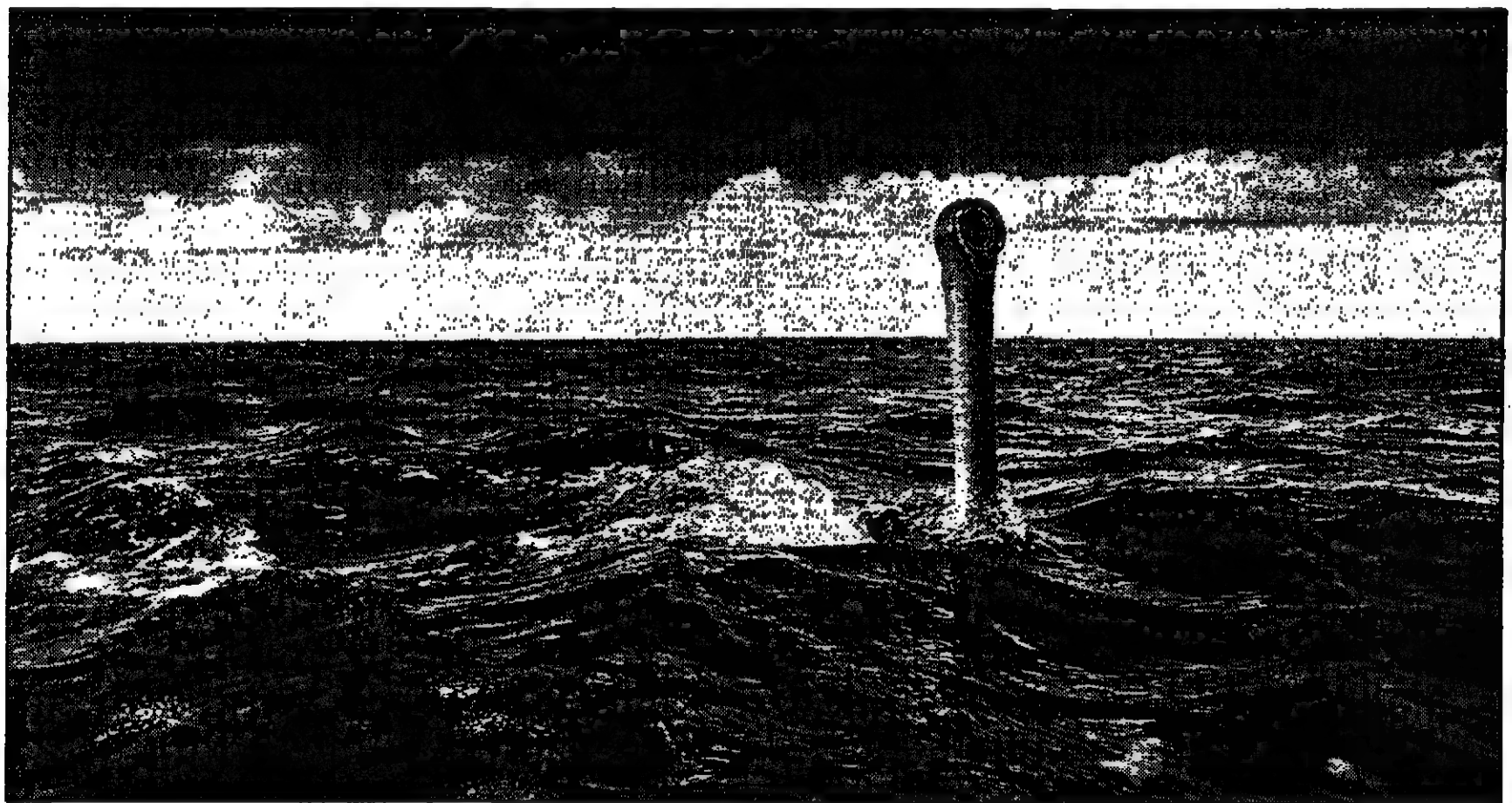
APPOINTMENTS

Top level changes in Reuters reshape



North-East Asia and Reuters South-East Asia. Mr Martin Vickery becomes managing director of Reuters Middle East. Mr Michael

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6	Yves Des TV	Chemicals S-Z	
7	Vista	Electronics S-Z	
8	West White	Drugs Stores	
9	Renard	Chemicals S-Z	
10	Edmond	Building Roads	
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24	Lee Ltd	Insurance L-R	
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26	Reed Bros (as)	Electronics	
27	Overton De Groot	Insurance A-D	
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A vote of no confidence

OPINION

Marcel Berlins

In 1849 Queen Victoria's consort Prince Albert went to court to stop copies of sketches drawn by the royal couple for their private amusement from being publicly exhibited. It was one of the first cases in which the law of confidence was used to prevent publication. Today, after more than a century in relative obscurity, during which it was applied mainly to protect trade secrets, the law of confidence is flourishing as a means of gagging the media. It is the foundation of the Government's legal attempts to stop the publication of *Spycatcher*; last week it was the basis of the Attorney-General's request for an injunction stopping Radio 4's *My Country Right or Wrong*.

It has also been used to stop the Sun publishing a nanny's intimate tale of the home life of Anne Diamond; to ban a *Mirror* story based on the tapping of former champion jockey John Francome's telephone; and to prevent various servants from spilling the beans about life with the royals. In the 1960s it was used spectacularly to prevent the Duke of Argyll revealing the marital confidences of his then wife the Duchess.

The moral basis of the law of confidence is easy to see. Most people would regard it as wrong that trusted employees, or spouses, should freely be able to reveal to the world what they have learned in confidence. But turning that general moral sense into a legal principle is not so easy. The law of confidence is today uncertain and inconsistent, and is being used in ways it was not designed for.

Most of the problems have arisen from the defences to breach of confidence actions, and especially those that focus on the point that disclosure was "in the public interest". It has been the law for more than a century that "there is no confidence as to the disclosure of an iniquity": in other words that if you are

revealing a crime, or some other seriously reprehensible behaviour, the law of confidence should not apply. The fact that the information is already "in the public domain" should also be a bar to a breach of confidence action. So when John Lennon tried to stop his ex-wife from publishing lurid details of their life together, the courts turned him away because so much of the information was already public knowledge.

But what have we in the *Spycatcher* case? Among other legal arguments, the newspapers who wish to publish details contained in the book are claiming, first, that it is in the public interest that evidence of criminality in the secret services should be disclosed, and second, that much of what the book reveals is already "in the public domain".

Yes, says the Government, but there is an overriding public interest in maintaining the obligation of confidence owed by former employees of the secret services. The issue is to be decided by Mr Justice Scott in the next week or two and, no doubt, by the Court of Appeal and the House of Lords afterwards.

The problem is that "public interest" is an infinitely flexible concept, meaning different things to different people, not least to different judges. As a result, all sorts of plaintiffs are trying to use the law of confidence to protect what they don't want to be made public, hoping that the judges will agree with them.

In 1980 the Law Commission drew up a draft breach of confidence Bill which drew a balance between the competing interests. It still left room for the exercise of discretion by the judges, but not as much as they have now. It is a sensible Bill, and it hardly needs to be added that it has been left on the shelf gathering dust ever since.

The author is editor of Law Magazine

Bob Woodward is in London to publicise his book *The Secret Wars of the CIA, 1981-1987*. Aged 44, a strongly built, carefully groomed man, Woodward is in his prime. One of the reporting team that uncovered the Watergate affair in the early Seventies, Woodward is now assistant managing editor on the *Washington Post*, a wealthy executive who has lost none of his investigative zeal. He still feels that government is dangerous; journalists, he thinks, are an essential form of control.

In the Connaught Hotel, a waiter brought black coffee for Woodward, white for the reporter. "Thanks, I appreciate it," said Woodward, who is twice married, twice divorced. He sat down. A good sign, the reporter felt. Then, dressed conservatively, in grey flannel pants, a blue pin-striped shirt, and unremarkable tie, Woodward stood up and played with some pound coins from his pocket. He had been asked why his new book, intended as a factual account of the secret warmongering

'People like to read stories because that's how they communicate'

at the CIA under its last director, the late William J. Casey, repeatedly attributed thoughts and feelings to politicians, instead of direct speech, and used the narrative techniques of fiction to describe real events. That was troubling. It was also easy to imitate.

"It all has to do with a term I call credible intimacy," Woodward explained. Far from undermining the authority of his text, and swamping important political questions in the general suspicion arising from his assertions of what one man "had a sense" of, or another felt in his guts, Woodward claimed that the "credible intimacy" technique did quite the opposite.

"What I'm attempting to do is not novelizing, but presenting to the reader how the primary characters saw their problems, their struggle, the details of their lives. It all makes it a story and I think people like to read stories because that's the way people communicate, it's the way they see their lives - it makes it comprehensible." Woodward appeared, but may not have been, rather hurt.

Returning to the only hard chair

Watergate hero Bob Woodward has found a new target: the CIA. How legitimate are his methods? Catherine Bennett investigates



Bob Woodward: turning recollections into reported speech; "I got it right"

in the room, Woodward pointed out that he had spoken to some of his 250 secret sources "dozens and dozens of times" in order to clarify relations between the autocratic Casey and his unfortunate deputies, who recoiled from his indifference to the barbarity of certain foreign terrorists who had become CIA associates. "It took years on my part to get the nature of what that was, and who those people are, and I feel I got it exactly right," Woodward said.

If much of the reported speech is based not, for example, on written records or tape-recordings, but merely on individual recollections, well, Woodward says what's good

enough for a court of law is good enough for him. His own sources were not under oath, nor any obligation to give him confidential information, but Woodward believes that their leaks were evidence of altruism: "They were troubled about what was going on. They were unsure, there was a sense of vulnerability, and uncertainty, that this was risky and complicated, that there has to be a debate on this thing."

Sadly, the debate on Casey's foreign intrigues behind the back of Congress, which allegedly included recruiting Saudi-funded hit squads in Beirut - one of which accidentally killed 80 civilians - has been

neglected after accusations, following the publication of *Vell* in October, that the stainless Woodward is also capable of deceit. Casey's wife Sophia has claimed that Woodward's final "conversation" in hospital with her mortally ill husband (in which the director is said to have uttered the immortal words "I believed") never took place. Woodward dismisses the controversy - "the CIA has never said I wasn't there" - and considers the matter closed.

Whatever the truth, there is a notable reluctance on the part of the American public to hail the *Vell* and Iran-Contra revelations as the same kind of heroic reporting endeavour as Carl Bernstein and Woodward's *All the President's Men* in 1974. "The difference is between Nixon and Reagan, not the press and the public," Woodward said. "Nixon had many years to serve, there was the clear violation of law and people were suspicious of him. In the case

'I have heard some criticism that a lot of Spycatcher isn't true'

of Reagan he had a year and a half to serve and he's much more popular... people don't have that visceral suspicion and distrust."

Although he now argues that the CIA's clandestine warfare had "broader implications" than the Watergate scandal, that Casey had acquired too much power and needed controlling, Woodward's book is conspicuously lacking in such analysis and condemnation. It is as if, after 16 years of squeezing information out of American politicians, he has absorbed some of their evasiveness and snave, senatorial gravitas. He is cautious, even, in his criticism of Press restrictions in Britain, which would make a book like *Vell* an impossibility.

He considers the Government ban on *Spycatcher* absurd - "but I'm not so sure that there's anything in *Spycatcher* that is so important". Had he read the book? Woodward had, but it had obviously lacked credible intimacy. "I don't know," he said. "I have heard some criticism that a lot of it is not true. I've not attempted to balance that."

Vell: The Secret Wars of the CIA, 1981-1987 (Simon and Schuster, £14.95)

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Not long ago P&O phased out the Townsend Thoresen name (shades of the Zeebrugge ferry disaster: we shall now cruise to the continent on P&O European Ferries). The *Evening Standard* returned to its original title late last month, having dropped *and/or* *London* and



Evening, according to the dictates of the moment. And earlier this week the National Marriage Guidance Council changed its name to Relate.

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Andrew Lycett

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You heard it here first

The new head of BBC radio news and current affairs is out to scoop Fleet Street with a specialist team. Richard Evans reports



Jenny Abramsky: "We found we were missing stories and following up newspapers rather than leading them"

After all, when was the last time one of the Government's law officers went rushing off to the High Court to stop a radio series? Unbeknown to her, Sir Patrick Mayhew was literally set to pounce as the new editor in charge of all news and current affairs output on BBC radio discussed her forthcoming changes.

But at least the Attorney General's legal outburst provided the opportunity for the corporation's news machine to be first in telling the public what was happening. And that is exactly what Abramsky hopes to hear in other areas of BBC radio reporting in the months to come.

Abramsky, aged 41, adores radio, and her self-confessed obsession has led her successfully through *The World This Week*, *PM*, *The World at One* (where, if Broadcasting House rumour is to be believed, she regularly gave Sir Robin Day the run-around) and, more recently, *Radio 4's Today*.

Having looked at the major issues likely to arise in the remaining four years of the third Thatcher Government, she examined her new empire to see how the correspondents matched the key specialities needing covering. The gaps were there for all to see. "We were finding day in and day out that we were missing stories and following up newspapers rather than leading them."

"We didn't have a health services correspondent — so how on earth did we expect to know what was happening in the health services?"

That particular hole had been exposed painfully by the controversy about ending free dental and eye check-ups. "We didn't have anyone to turn to. We had to put a

general reporter on to cover that story who was having to find out as much as he could by quickly ringing up one or two people to get a briefing, and reading whatever he could in newspaper cuttings. That is not a serious way of journalism."

Vacancies amongst her staff, the return of Clive Cookson, science correspondent, back to the world of

newspapers and the imminent departure of Nick Jones, the award-winning Labour correspondent, to External Services has provided Abramsky with the opportunity to shuffle and tune her news team, a job unlikely to be completed before next spring.

With inner cities and the poll tax regularly at the top of any news list,

she is now advertising for a local government and community affairs correspondent. Health and social services is another new portfolio; a home affairs unit staffed by two specialists, and a sports news correspondent are also pencilled in.

The science correspondent will in future also tackle technology matters. The arts correspondent will be

officially responsible for media matters. Abramsky is also desperately keen to have a back-up for the education correspondent and has toyed with the idea of a specialist court reporter.

But there are limits to the changes she can bring about to news coverage, and the main one is cash. She admits the BBC is "very poor" compared with Fleet Street.

"It shows in one sense the poverty of the BBC that we can't actually split so many of these jobs. It would be nice to have a separate arts correspondent and a separate media correspondent, though I must say that would not be at the top of my list. There is no doubt that I could split health and social services I would. I could beef up education I would. I could even have an inner cities correspondent and a local government correspondent I would for the next few years do it separately. But you have to be realistic."

"It comes down to choice. We have therefore tried to make our choices relate to the subjects we think are going to be major issues. There are a core of basic subjects you have to cover requiring a central spine of correspondents. You have to have defence, diplomatic, labour, education, and economic correspondents. But the question was how did you group other subjects and where were the gaps that we were not covering?"

"Authority" is a word she mentions regularly. "I hope we will be able to approach the news with greater accuracy, and we will be able, in one sense, to lay it out more comprehensively for our audience, because if you have people who know their subject they should be able to explain it better."

Any improvement she achieves will be a personal bonus, because her appointment as radio supremo was almost the shortest in BBC history. "I was in such a state that I walked in front of a car. Very fortunately, somebody happened to be with me and pulled me back..."

BYLINES

Rocking the boat

Irish state broadcaster RTE last week banned one of its own television producers, Eoghan Harris, from appearing on a radio books programme. The ban was the latest bizarre turn in a campaign by Harris against what he claims is Provisional Sinn Féin "infiltration" of RTE's radio service.

Four weeks ago, in the wake of the Enniskillen bombing, Harris published a pamphlet defending Section 31 of Ireland's Broadcasting Act, which bans RTE from interviewing Sinn Féin spokesmen, and then resigned from his trade union because it contained radio producers who refused to condemn "the sick politics that led to Enniskillen".

On Monday he defied a management warning to stop rocking the boat by publishing another pamphlet naming three union officials and accusing them of "militant support for Provisional spokesmen". "The management are more worried by socialists in RTE than they are by terrorists," says Harris, a member of the left-wing Worker's Party, who claims to detect pre-IRA bias in RTE's radio current affairs.

"We know our own people," said an RTE spokesman. "People's personal political views are only relevant if they are reflected in programmes, but there is no indication of that."

Cannibals

A thrifty ITN has started buying the BBC's test-offer not newscasters this time but equipment. An ITN engineer was round at the BBC's Redundant Stores department the other day investing £20 in a 15-year-old camera test device and asking whether the Beeb happened to have another couple as well. The device, built by Marconi to a BBC design, is no longer manufactured and ITN wants to cannibalize the BBC's to keep its own single example working.

Aimed at Asians

The second issue of a new glossy quarterly, *Image*, comes out shortly, aimed at what its publisher calls Britain's "Asian yuppies". The first issue, retailing at a hefty £2.50, has 75 pages of fashion spreads, profiles and travel features, plus Indian film gossip and a feature on the phenomenon of Bhangra, the craze for Asian pop. Publisher R.K. Sarin is hoping for a circulation of 20,000 among second and third generation British Asians. "Young people who wear western clothes in the week, Indian clothes at the weekend."

City TV

The airwaves of the City could soon be clogged with bankers and brokers taking part in televised phone-ins if a plan by financial services company Pont International gets approval. Pont wants to start a financial TV service

Why judgement by television is on trial

Until now, mock trials on TV have been confined to the deceased, but Thames Television is to break new ground with a courtroom drama on the alleged criminal wartime activities of Dr Kurt Waldheim, the Austrian president.

The British legal establishment is divided on the issue. Lord Hailsham, the former Lord Chancellor, launched an attack against the programme in a letter to *The Times*.

suggesting it would make a mockery of the judicial process. "One is surely entitled to question the wisdom of using television to create a false impression of a real trial to implicate a living human being," he protested. "Where is this precedent going to end?"

Several law lords refused to take part in the programme. But others will, including Sir Frederick Lawton, until last year a Court of Appeal judge,

The Kurt Waldheim courtroom drama has split the judges, says Kate Finch

and Lord Rawlinson, a former Attorney-General. Thames, which is spending £1 million on research, insists that it will not be a "trial"; it will be a tribunal, it says, intended not to deliver a verdict, but to decide whether there is a *prima facie* case for Dr Waldheim to answer.

Five eminent judges from different countries will hammer out the terms of reference for nine days of hearings, which will then be compressed into a 1½-hour programme. Sir Frederick says: "I can understand Lord Hailsham taking the view that the programme is undesirable. He's a

politician and I can well imagine that the Foreign Office is not happy about investigations against the president of friendly country."

"But the programme is of public importance because Dr Waldheim is now persona non grata in many countries. It's time somebody said, 'Look, there's something in it and he really ought to say something, or, 'There's nothing in it so everyone can shut up'." Lord Hailsham denies pol-

itical motivation. He told me: "This sort of issue is better ventilated in newspapers. It would be common sense to drop the programme."

The programme's producer, Jack Saltman, says the criticism is unjustified. "If I were to make a documentary I would be judge, jury and counsel and no one would raise an eyebrow." The case rests — until the transmission date next June. ©Times Newspapers Ltd 1987

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If you are sure you can make the grade we would like to meet you. A recruitment seminar will be held at 7.30pm at The Churchill Hotel, Portman Square, near Marble Arch, London, Friday 11th December. See you there.

Journalist

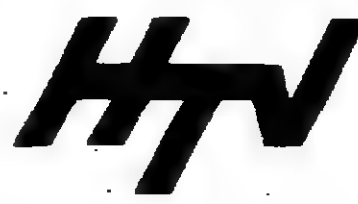
"Do you have proven editorial judgement, experience in broadcast journalism and a good working knowledge of North Wales? If so, you could be just the person we want."

HTV is looking for an experienced journalist to join the team responsible for providing coverage of the area for the Company's news output which is centred on the popular nightly programme, *Wales at Six*.

The successful candidate will be based at our regional newsroom in Mold and will be expected to originate ideas, co-ordinate coverage of Gwynedd, Clwyd and North Powys generated from the Mold and Bangor newsrooms and liaise with the central newsdesk in Cardiff.

Suitably qualified candidates should write for an application form enclosing a self-addressed envelope and quoting reference 663/GU to the Personnel Manager, HTV Limited, The Television Centre, Cardiff CF5 6XJ.

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You will have had conspicuous sales success: ideally in a newspaper environment (either in Classified or R.O.P.); preferably in media; but most certainly in a background where you received careful and consistent training from supportive, structured and demanding management which honed your communications skills. This process will have developed your innate commercial skills and entrepreneurial instincts.

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COULD YOUR ENTREPRENEURIAL AND TRAINING SKILLS
MATCH OUR CLIENT'S EXPANSION PROGRAMME IN...**Management
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Our client is a member of a young, expanding and profitable group with offices at strategic locations throughout the Country. As the next phase in their planned programme of expansion they wish to appoint senior business minded professionals who will carry out assignments spearheading their expanding programme of training.

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It is essential that you possess maturity, business acumen and gifted communication skills to provide the high level of training standards set by our client. Anyone whose current on-target earnings are less than £20k pa is unlikely to have the ability and experience which we seek.

A highly attractive remuneration package will be negotiated including company car and the opportunity to participate in the equity of the company.

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Print?**

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A key member of our extremely busy Creative Services team, you will be involved in the purchase of a broad range of point-of-sale and merchandising material.

Two to three years' experience of plastic moulding, together with good interpersonal negotiating skills are key requirements. This experience, plus a background in the beauty business, would obviously make you a strong contender for this position.

Whatever your background, you will be highly motivated, with a creative flair and be able to work to tight deadlines.

In return, an attractive salary will be negotiated and our benefits package is all that you would expect of a successful international company.

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You will be numerate, have experience of negotiating and selling at senior levels, be computer literate and have managed a small, professional team of executives.

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Please write in confidence with full career details and current salary to:

Mike O'Leary, Training and Recruitment Manager, Nielsen House, London Road, Headington, Oxford.

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Research****INTERNATIONAL TEXTILES****ART EDITOR**

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This post offers career opportunities and commensurate financial rewards.

Apply in writing to:

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SALESPEOPLE**

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- Promotion of the Campaign to the local community and environmental organisations.
- The administration of Campaign grants to community groups.
- The production of all Campaign communication materials.
- Monitoring, evaluation and general Campaign administration.

Applicants should be educated to degree level, with experience in the fields of marketing, communication and/or general management; and be able to demonstrate a concern for people and the environment. Energy, a self starter, and good communications skills are essential.

Initial employment is on a three year contract with starting salary of up to £14,500 plus car. The unit will be based in BTCV offices in Sandwell, near Birmingham.



Please send your CV to Rob Morley, Deputy Director,
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**RECRUITMENT CONSULTANT****£15,000 +++++**

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Susanne Crosland

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**THE QUEEN'S GALLERY
BUCKINGHAM PALACE****SHOP SUPERVISOR**

The Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, has a new and enlarged gift shop. We now seek a supervisor to take responsibility for the day to day management of the shop, including staff, accounts, stock and ticket sales.

It is a very important and high profile role. We would like to hear from young but experienced retail professionals with commercial awareness, an innovative approach, and well developed management skills. The successful candidate will be well presented, have confidence, poise and excellent interpersonal and communication skills.

It is anticipated that this position will offer a salary of £10,000 plus benefits.

Please write in confidence, enclosing CV, to Anne Routledge quoting reference 3693.

Peat Marwick McLintock

Executive Selection & Search
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**Advertisement
Manager**

required for

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The person appointed will need to demonstrate a sound ability to develop profitable advertisement incomes and the capability to control and motivate an efficient advertisement staff based at Brighton and six branch offices.

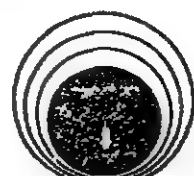
The Advertisement Manager will be required to make a significant contribution to the development of the Company as a member of a strong, aggressive management team.

The preferred age range is 30-45.

The salary will reflect the importance of the position and applications are invited from suitably experienced advertisement managers who are confident that their performance in their career to date fits them for this challenging role.

Applications for the position, in writing and including full C.V., should be addressed in the first instance to:-

Mr R. West
Marketing Manager,
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You should be educated to Degree level and possess strong communication skills. Ideally you should have 2 years experience in financial PR or marketing. Alternatively, a background in financial journalism would also be of interest to us.

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Please contact:
David Metcalfe, Director
Trade Promotion Services Ltd, Exhibition House,
Warren Lane, Woolwich, London SE18.
Tel: 01-255 9201

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50 Pall Mall St James's, London SW1X 5LS Telephone 01-235 1545

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If you think you are the person to complement our team, telephone Tilda Young on 01-225 0475 (24 hrs. answering).

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Good secretarial skills essential and must have the ability to deal with the pressure of word processing.

Please apply to:

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You should offer good basic skills, enjoy communicating with a wide variety of people and be prepared to become interested in the whole range of the RSA's activities.

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For further details contact:
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as PA to

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A responsible, self-motivated and well-organised Secretary is sought to assist the Chief Executive of this small, expanding International Company.

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Age 25-30.

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Salary £13,508 - £17,530 p.a. (according to qualifications and experience) plus an allowance of £824 p.a. Based Cardiff.

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Write now with full C.V. to
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TENNIS: LENDL PLAYS POSSIBLY HIS BEST MATCH EVER FOR RECORD MASTERS WIN BUT SAYS HE CAN STILL IMPROVE

Dr Frankenstein's monster is still in the growing stage

From Richard Evans
New York

Ivan Lendl took to five his collection of Masters titles when he beat Mats Wilander 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 in the final here at Madison Square Garden on Monday night. His awesome and virtually flawless display of the power game was so compelling that the statistic which now makes him the greatest Master since the inception of the event in 1970 seemed tame by comparison.

"This was definitely my best match this year," Lendl, who had already beaten Wilander in the final of the French and United States championships, said. It may have been his best match ever.

The Swede made sure that the crowd of 14,000 appreciated the quality of Lendl's performance by stealing the odd jewel from the Master's treasure chest, darting in to put away brilliant volleys, occasionally outlasting him in baseline rallies of pace and variety and sprinting with winged heels on to drop shots.

He has appeared in eight

Sweden name team for final

Stockholm (AFP) — Stefan Edberg, Mats Wilander, Anders Jarryd and Joakim Nystrom have been chosen to represent Sweden in the Davis Cup final against India on indoor clay at Göteborg beginning next Friday.

Hans Olsson, Sweden's non-playing captain, said Edberg and Wilander would probably play the singles and Jarryd and Edberg the doubles. "I'll make a final decision after we've trained," Olsson said.

consecutive Masters finals and has now surpassed Lendl's record of four wins between 1971 and 1975.

Nastase who was in the players' lounge watching on television, chose not to complain but to air his sense of humour. "Look," he said, as the camera closed in on Lendl's sweat-soaked skull with its sunken eye sockets, "he looks like Frankenstein. I call him Frankenstein Jr."

If Wilander was not so polite, he would probably have agreed as he struggled to deal with another monster serve or one of those lethal backhand passes down the line.

"Looking on the bright side you must feel that Ivan cannot get much better whereas Edberg, Becker and I can all improve a bit yet," Wilander said.

Lendl disagreed. "There is still a lot I can work on," he insisted with a smile that showed signs of the stitches he has been plucking from his gums after mouth surgery. "I still do not move as well as I could because my hamstrings are not strong enough. And, of course, there is my volley."

Although he intends to reduce his Grand Prix commitment next year, Lendl is fired with the ambition to win as many grand slam championships as possible.

"Apart from Wimbledon I haven't won Australia yet, either," he said. "I definitely want to win all the major titles, at least once before I retire."

That is no easy task in the modern age. Borg never won the US or Australian titles; McEnroe is still without the Australian and French and Connors has never progressed further than the semis in Paris.

But none, perhaps, has gone about the business of winning with Lendl's meticulous eye for detail. "You call it my little black book," he said, referring to a question about the notes he makes on opponent's style of play. "Actually it's a big grey book but I don't write in it as much as I used to. Unless someone completely new comes along, I know what most of the guys are going to do now."

For the sake of the men's game, which is settling into a pattern of predictability, it would be good if Lendl was forced to start writing in that big book of his in 1988.



Master in charge: Lendl on his way to beating Wilander at Madison Square Garden

Hall of fame setting for doubles celebrities

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

The Nabisco Masters doubles tournament, which begins today at the Albert Hall, features all the winners of this year's four grand slam tournaments. But Anders Jarryd and Robert Seguso, who won the French title as a makeshift team, now play with their regular partners — respectively, Stefan Edberg and Ken Flach.

Edberg and Jarryd are the Australian and United States champions and Flach and Seguso won the Wimbledon title. The Swedes came back from 1-3 down in the fifth set to beat Flach and Seguso in an entertaining and often daring United States final, a historic occasion in that this was the first time any of the five US

championships had gone to Sweden.

As has already been noted today's programme will end with a repetition of another memorable occasion — the Wimbledon final, in which Flach and Seguso came back from two sets down (the first time that had happened for 60 years) to beat Sergio Casal and Emilio Sanchez.

Today's preceding matches will be Peter Dinkov and Laurie Warder v Paul Anacone and Christo van Rensburg, Scott Davis and David Pate v Gary Donnelly and Peter Fleming, and Edberg and Jarryd v Renshaw Meier and Tomas Smid.

Fleming and Jarryd have been among the dozen most successful men's doubles players in 20

seasons of open competition. Fleming and John McEnroe shared four Wimbledon and three US titles. Jarryd, more than six years younger than Fleming, has already won four grand slam championships — the French twice, the Australian and US once each — with three different partners.

This Albert Hall event, like the preceding Masters singles tournament in New York, is a mandatory play-off that winds up the men's season: except for the Davis Cup final between Sweden and India.

There is not much chance for leading players to take a break from competition. Ivan Lendl makes sense in that he must have at least three chances to see the leading players in action. And whoever advances to the

next grand slam tournament, the Australian championships, which will begin on January 11.

Meantime we are left to wonder how sharp and eager the celebrities are for the two Masters events, which are basically laps of honour worth a lot of money and a certain amount of prestige. At this time of year some players are fitter and fresher than others, as becomes evident in variations of form between the beginning and end of the all-play-all series used on such occasions.

The advantage of putting eight men or eight teams into two groups for an all-play-all competition is that the public have at least three chances to see the leading players in action. And whoever advances to the

knock-out climax, semi-finals and final, must obviously be playing well.

To some extent the Albert Hall tournament can be seen as a world indoor doubles championship. It tends to produce exciting tennis, often of the highest quality, in an intimately inspiring environment. The Albert Hall has been described as the noblest building erected in Europe since the Colosseum. An American friend once observed that it brought "bars" to his eyes.

The tournament itself also has what may now be regarded as traditional roots. In 1971 World Championship Tennis, the Dallas-based promoter, brought professional tennis to the cold — more precisely, a wilderness of one-night stands — with

a circuit of tournaments ending with a lavishly promoted eight-man singles play-off in Houston and Dallas.

For many years that Dallas play-off was a better event than the Masters. It owed much to the persuasive powers of a woman — Norma Hunt, wife of WCT's multi-millionaire backer, Lamar — that a WCT doubles play-off was inaugurated in 1973, in Montreal. The winners were Bob Lutz and Stan Smith.

Those were the origins of an event, now merged with the Masters doubles, that delights us every year at the Albert Hall. Make what you will of the fact that the men's doubles climax of the year was conceived in the mind of a woman.

CRICKET

Patterson's six for 29 breaks Indian resistance

Nagpur (Reuters) — West Indies overcame India by 10 runs on Tuesday in a thrilling start to their one-day cricket series. Victory could have gone either way but Patrick Patterson bowling with devastating accuracy, achieved vital breakthroughs in a six for 29.

West Indies started well after taking the first wicket with a modest total of 203 for eight off their allotted 50 overs because of some brilliant spin bowling. They could have been in deeper trouble after a middle order collapse but Carl Hooper added 65 for the eighth wicket, helping their side set a respectable target. Hooper led his side's scoring with 57 not out.

Required to score at a rate of 4.08 runs per over, India started disastrously, losing five wickets in quick succession for only 31 runs in 13 overs. But Kapil Dev, in at number seven, transformed the match with some savage hitting. He and Ravi Shastri added 113 for the sixth wicket to raise hopes of victory for India.

Patterson was quickly brought into the attack and engineered India's defeat by removing both men. Dev was caught at mid-off by Hooper for 87 after an electrifying 64-ball stay that included 11 fours and two sixes. Shastri went for 20.

Last wicket pair Kiran More and Maninder Singh hit a defiant 38 together before Patterson again came to the rescue. He ended India's challenge by dismissing More for 33.

with 52 overs to spare. More struck six fours.

The West Indies captain, Viv Richards, admitted the 203 total was not a good one to defend on the Nagpur pitch. "But excellent bowling by Patterson and brilliant fielding helped us to win," he said.

His counterpart, Dilip Vengsarkar, blamed India's defeat on poor batting by the established batsmen, including himself. "Batsmen will have to apply themselves if India is to give a tough fight to West Indies in the remaining seven one-day matches," Vengsarkar added.

WEST INDIES
C.G. Greenidge b Maninder 27
D.L. Hayes not out 20
D. Ganga b Patterson 10
V.A. Richards at Mid Off b Patterson 87
C.I. Hooper not out 57
K.J. Duggan c Vengsarkar b Shastri 10
S.A. Waugh b Patterson 10
W.K. M. Benjamin b Kapil Dev 10
C.A. Watson not out 20
Total (50 overs) 203
Extras (2, 2, 0, 0) 4
Total (50 overs) 207

INDIA
K. Srikeshan b Patterson 10
Anil Kulkarni b Patterson 10
D.B. Vengsarkar c Richards b Patterson 10
C.S. Pandey b Patterson 10
S. Gavaskar b Patterson 10
Kapil Dev c Hooper b Patterson 87
A.S. Jadeja b Hooper b Patterson 20
C. Sharma b V. Waugh 10
Maninder Singh b Patterson 38
Total (50 overs) 213
Extras (2, 2, 0, 0) 4
Total (50 overs) 217

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The show must go on no longer

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Faisalabad

There was another thoroughly regrettable and undignified scene here yesterday, this time just as play was ending in the second Test match between England and Pakistan. It developed into a direct and heated confrontation between Mike Gatting, the England captain, and Shakoor Khan, Pakistan's most experienced, despotic and contentious umpire.

Relations on the field have become so strained that England are reminded at the start of each day not to become involved in controversy and conflict, whatever the provocation. But now, as in Lahore, they allowed their emotions to get the better of them: first when Atkey was spoken to by Shakoor for exchanging words with Ijaz, whom he thought should have been given out, and then, much more seriously, when Gatting lost his temper.

Hemmings was bowling what was to be either the last or the penultimate over of the day. The timing is important because it was in his keenness to get in another over that Gatting, fielding at first base, refused Pakistan's request for a specialist wicketkeeper to replace the injured Salim Yousuf during a one-day international.

For all that, unless the umpires are allowed to run the game as they see best, it becomes a shambles, and it was because Gatting argued the toss with Shakoor yesterday that he had to be sent off.

There is certainly a case for saying that Shakoor was exceeding his authority, for there is nothing in the laws (as distinct from the spirit) of the game to stop Gatting from moving the field when he likes, so long as there is no distraction upon the batsman. Most captains — and obviously Ijaz — occasionally shift a fielder a little this way or that as a bowler is running in. Should the move be of some significance, the non-striker usually takes it upon himself to inform his partner. I have never before seen an umpire intervene as Shakoor did now and Gatting insists that he had notified Malik of what was afoot.

I have little time for Shakoor. At the best he is a bad umpire. He has had rows with one touring side after another. At Karachi, for example, in 1984-85 Jeremy Coney, the New Zealand captain, threatened to take his side off the field because of Shakoor's umpiring. He is not one to avoid a

SCOREBOARD FROM FAISALABAD

England won toss won first

ENGLAND First Innings

G A Gough c Amir Malik b Qasim	28	4	78	58
B C Broad b Tauseef	116	13	420	339
C W J Athey c Amir Malik b Qasim	37	5	96	81
D J Gillingham c Amir Malik b Qasim	79	14	121	81
R T Robinson c Ashraf Ali b Qasim	2	2	19	12
N G B Cook c Ashraf Ali b Qasim	2	2	18	7
D J Capel c Amir Malik b Qasim	15	0	6	7
J E Embury c Ashraf Ali b Qasim	15	0	65	7
N A Foster c Amir Malik b Qasim	2	2	12	9
T B N French c Ashraf Ali b Qasim	2	2	12	9
E E Hemmings not out	19	0	65	7
Extras (15: 5 b, 5 w, 5)	19	0	65	7
Total (114.2 overs)	282			

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-73, 2-124, 3-241, 4-249, 5-258, 6-259, 7-288, 8-288, 9-288.

BOWLING: Amir Malik 5-0-19-0 (nb 3); Muddassar 3-0-3-0 (w 1); Qasim 42-7-105-4; Tauseef 28-6-82-1; Qasim 35-2-55-6; Shoaib 1-1-0-0.

PAKISTAN First Innings

Muddassar Niaz c French b Foster	12	1	23	17
Ramiz Raja c Gough b Foster	1	1	152	148
Salim Malik not out	19	2	65	41
Javed Miandad b Embury	11	1	42	42
Ijaz Ahmed c Robinson b Embury	9	1	2	1
Shoaib Khan c Embury	1	1	65	54
Amir Malik not out	8	0	65	54
Extras (10: 5 b, 5 w)	10	0	65	54
Total (55 white, 55 overs)	106			

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-22, 3-58, 4-77, 5-77.

BOWLING: Foster 10-3-20-2; Capel 7-1-23-0 (nb 3); Hemmings 11-2-30-0; Embury 15-0-28-5; Cook 13-0-18-0.

Umpires: Khizar Hayat and Shakoor Khan.

quarrel if he can help it. Already on this tour he has had one with Gatting, when England refused Pakistan's request for a specialist wicketkeeper to replace the injured Salim Yousuf during a one-day international.

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terday, not mildly but in a rage, that England were in the wrong. Shakoor said afterwards that Gatting had used abusive language and told him to go back to his place and get on with his job.

The whole thing has become so thoroughly distasteful that I am inclined to think that the best way to bring everyone to his senses would be to call the tour off. There is no report whatever between the England management and the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan, whose announcement of Test umpires, without due reference to the England party, is undoubtedly a sequel to the TCCB's insistence on appointing David Constant in England last summer against the wishes of the Pakistanis.

England, too, are convinced that they are not going to get a square deal; that the umpires are not controlling the game "with absolute impartiality as required by the laws." It is all very bad for cricket.

Peter Lush and Mickey Stewart describe it as being "very sad." Stewart said: "Everyone is expecting another incident; we're on a knife-edge." Gatting said: "I've nothing to apologise for." Lush said: "I shall be taking no disciplinary action." Not a word of contrition. There is a closing of the ranks and I have much sympathy for Gatting, but Test captains, most of all England captains, just cannot behave as Gatting did yesterday, however mortified they may be. I can say no worse than it is the sort of thing one expects of Miandad or McEneaney.

England, too, had bowled themselves into a strong position in the match. After losing their last six first innings wickets before lunch yesterday for only 38 runs, they reduced Pakistan to 106 for five, still with three days left for play and on a pitch on which a lead of 150 should prove decisive. With the ball turning appreciably, Embury has already taken three for 25 in 15 overs.

England's first innings was finished off yesterday morning by Iqbal Qasim after Qasim had made short work of Capel and Tauseef had taken care of Broad. Qasim's figures for the morning were four for 17 in 12.2 overs; Qasim's, after three England innings, are 115-34-200-17. But the way the ball had turned could only be of encouragement to England.

Foster and Capel bowled well enough when Pakistan went in for Gatting to wait until the sixteenth over of

Warning by TCCB

England's cricketers were yesterday warned by the Test and County Cricket Board that any dissent against umpiring decisions is "unacceptable at any time".

The TCCB's executive committee issued their warning after meeting at Lord's to discuss a confidential report sent back by England's tour manager in Pakistan, Peter Lush. Lush had given his views on the umpiring controversy in the first Test at Lahore, where England were beaten by an innings.

The TCCB statement says: "The Board's executive committee has advised the England manager that whatever the circumstances dissent by players against umpiring decisions is unacceptable at any time, and has instructed him to make the position clear to all the players on the present tour."

their innings before introducing a spinner. In his third over Foster had Muddassar caught low down at the wicket off a ball that left him and in his fifth he had Ramiz caught at second slip, thrashing at a ball of full length. Sandwiched between these two wickets, Miandad, when he was four, was missed at first slip by Gatting — the sort of chance which Gatting normally swallows. This would have been Capel's first Test wicket.

Miandad was in a noticeably grumpy mood, which led in the end to his giving Embury the charge and being bowled. From then on England were tightening their grip. At tea Pakistan were 70 for three. For most of the 90 minutes afterwards Embury was bowling with four men round the bat.

England thought they had to get Ijaz out twice, caught each time at short leg off Embury. When, first time, Shakoor turned down the appeal, an exchange of words between Athey and the batsman soon brought him down the pitch to remind Gatting who was in charge of the game. In Embury's next over Ijaz was not so lucky. Pushing forward again, he turned an off break low to the right of Robinson, who held a good catch.

The next ball, an off break that must have turned the best part of a foot, bowled Shoaib. Playing neither forward nor back, he had no possible chance against it. Sixty-five minutes remained and Amir Malik came in on a hat-trick to play his first Test innings. Having saved that, he revealed a solid forward defence.

Although still only 24, Salim Malik played like an old pro, even sharing the odd joke with the fielders and pulling and square-cutting for four a couple of loose balls that came his way. Night had almost closed in when eyes began to flash and tempers began to flare — and once again the cricket itself was forgotten. As all are agreed, it cannot go on.



Umpire at war: as England bowl themselves into a strong position, Gatting hawls himself into a weak one by giving Shakoor the meat of his tongue (Photographer: Graham Morris)



Clampdown on time-wasters

The gamesmanship of players leaving and returning to the field during play is expected to be clamped down upon at the Test and County Cricket Board meeting tomorrow.

The Pakistan touring team last summer were especially adept at these time-wasting tactics — seen by Lord's officials as a growing problem contrary to the spirit of the

game. One umpire reported 60 incidents of substitution during the season which he considered to be fraudulent.

Proposals before the TCCB committee are: no substitutes allowed for 15 minutes after a player comes off (except seriously injured players); protective gear, except helmets, only allowed on or off the field at a fall of wicket or end of a

session. If enforced, it is hoped the regulation would speed up the game, while next summer's tourists, the West Indies and Sri Lanka, may be asked to agree to their implementation in the Tests.

The TCCB also intends to increase its revenue from advance ticket sales at Tests — from 7% to 12% per cent from ground authorities.

York director may be forced to resign

By Keith Macklin

There were further developments yesterday in the aftermath of the mass brawl during York's second division match with Dewsbury last Sunday. The York directors met last night and it is believed that one of them, Albert Bond, who went on to the field and aimed a swipe at a touch judge, was asked to resign. If Bond does not resign, shareholders have the opportunity of voting him out at a meeting in a fortnight's time.

Meanwhile, it was revealed that the referee, Alan Burke, of Oldham, who refused to move in to the melee to separate fighting players, was merely obeying a recent League directive to referees, who have been asked in such situations to stand back, make notes of the names or numbers of the participating players and report them to the management committee.

Bond said after Sunday's incidents: "I thought that someone was going to get killed. I should not have gone on to the field but I had to do something. I told the referee he was to blame and he told me to get off the field. Then a touch judge swore at me and I swore back at him but I didn't punch anyone."

The management committee meet next week to consider the referee's report and to make disciplinary decisions on players and officials who are deemed to have been implicated. Complicating the situation is the fact that Burke was the man in the middle earlier this season during another reported brawl at the Wakefield Trinity v Whitehaven game.

Rodney Hardcastle, the Dewsbury chairman, said yesterday: "The referee must take

some share of the blame for the incident. His decisions prior to this were illogical, indecisive and frustrated the players. In the tackle leading up to the incident he could have taken immediate action. He did not do so and this led to the brawl."

Ian Clough, the secretary of the York club, yesterday tried to defuse the growing controversy. He said: "I am absolutely disgusted at the way in which the media have gone over the top in reporting the incident. I have been in touch with the Dewsbury timekeeper and he tells me that the actual fight lasted only one minute and fifty seconds, nowhere near the four and five minutes that have been quoted in some papers."

"At least half a dozen players on each side were trying their best to separate the players and were not joining in the brawl. The fact is that there were no cut lips or bloody noses at the end of it all."

The disciplinary committee meet tomorrow to consider the cases of the five men who were sent off by the referee, three from Dewsbury and two from York. It has been alleged that the fifth player, Steve Hinchliffe, did not go at first and only left the field when a touch judge informed the referee that Hinchliffe was still taking part.

The management committee is under heavy pressure to impose salutary punishments on all proven offenders. Previous reported brawls have resulted in £100 fines and warnings but it is being predicted that this time heavier fines plus suspensions will be imposed.

Maxwell handed ammunition

By Clive White

The Football League unwittingly gave Robert Maxwell further opportunity to ridicule its management committee yesterday when, because of an oversight, the League's Queen's Counsel was given no formal instructions to discontinue its injunction proceedings in the High Court against Maxwell's take-over of Watford Football Club.

Maxwell has given the League 48 hours with which to complete the withdrawal of their injunction though he omitted to say what he and Eton John, who is selling his 92 per cent holding in Watford to Maxwell, would do should the League not keep to the deadline.

After a meeting, attended by John at Maxwell's Mirror Group offices, Maxwell issued a statement, which said: "There is no legal or moral reason why Eton John should not proceed with the disposal of his interests in Watford FC to BPCC. Accordingly, the agreement has been signed by John Holloran on behalf of BPCC and Eton John."

"However, given Philip Carter's absence abroad in Dubai which prevented the lawyers of the League management committee implementing Saturday's agreement to cancel the legal action, Eton John and BPCC have decided not to take advantage of the management committee's confusion and the agreement between them is therefore conditional on the League management committee honouring their agreement by not later than 17.00 hours, Thursday, December 10."

The formal winding-up of the injunction is not due to take place until Friday after yesterday's abortive attempt when David Oliver, QC for the League, said that he had

been given no formal instructions not to pursue the injunction. Justice Vennott ordered the League to pay the costs of yesterday's hearing.

Carter, the League president, said from Dubai, where he was watching his club, Everton, play Rangers in the Dubai Super Cup yesterday: "I would prefer to defer comment until I have spoken to the relevant people in England."

The "relevant people" would appear to be his seven committee members, five of whom are, apparently, against the idea of dropping the injunction. Some, if not all, are furious that Carter sought

a secret meeting with Maxwell on Saturday without informing them first.

At the meeting, which was held at the home of David Dein, the Arsenal vice-chairman and a committee member, Maxwell agreed to sell his family interest in Oxford United while Carter agreed to drop the injunction.

"We cannot agree with it because we were not party to the meeting. That's why we've vetoed Carter's decision," Ron Noades, the Crystal Palace chairman and committee member, said. "The super clubs seem to think they're running the management committee. Carter and Dein are

now in a difficult position.

"The injunction should have been continued while the League chairman had a chance to consider the matter. Whoever's running the show is not a particularly good driver."

During the 40-minute hearing Maxwell and John attacked the League for seeking the injunction. In a sworn statement read to the court John said that any suggestion that he and Maxwell would have brought the deal forward to beat the ban had they known of the court moves was "scandalous and without any foundation". More football, page 43

Merger is rebuffed by BOA

The British Olympic Association yesterday turned down any move towards a merger with the Central Council for Physical Recreation. The two bodies are due to have talks about "unification" at Buckingham Palace today after an invitation from the Duke of Edinburgh, who is president of the council.

The National Olympic Committee met yesterday and decided to reject a possible merger with the CCPR on the basis of "incompatibility of aims and responsibilities between the two bodies." However, BOA delegates to today's meeting have been charged with finding areas where the two organizations can co-operate to the benefit of sport in Britain in general.

Meanwhile, the BOA says it has given its delegates "positive instructions" to research a future umbrella organization giving British sport one voice.

Peter Lawson, the secretary of the CCPR, described it as "unfortunate" that the palace meeting had now been preempted. Dick Palmer, the BOA secretary, said: "We are incompatible with the CCPR because our organization is by definition elitist while they are an English, rather than British, body which is geared up for the man in the street."

Representing the BOA today will be: Dick Palmer, Charles Palmer (chairman), Sir Arthur Gold (vice-chairman), Robert Watson (treasurer) and David Nixon (legal adviser). For the CCPR will be the Duke of Edinburgh, Peter Lawson (secretary) and three other delegates.

Baddeley's long rest

Steve Baddeley, the Commonwealth and English National badminton champion, will probably be out of action for two months after breaking a bone in his foot while playing former European junior champion, Matthew Smith, last week.

Baddeley is certain to miss next month's World Grand Prix finals in Hong Kong and could also be unable to defend his national title in February.

Wales have chosen a squad of 12 players, all with international experience, for the home countries quadrangular hockey internationals on December 18 and 19 in Perth.

París (Reuter) — Brian Mitchell, of South Africa, will defend his WBA junior-lightweight title in Sicily next week against Salvatore Currenti, of Italy, rather than Jean-Baptiste Mendy, of France.

Riding high

Honolulu (AP) — Gary Elkerton, of Australia, notched a second straight victory at Sunset Beach on Monday in the Triple Crown of Surfing, winning the Billabong Pro meeting.

Final chance

Sixteen of Britain's top amateur snooker players chase £18,500 and the chance of possible promotion to the professional ranks when they meet in the Rothmans National Amateur finals at Solihull on December 12 and 13.

Lead trimmed

Lahore (Reuter) — Pakistan beat The Netherlands 3-1 in the third hockey international yesterday, trimming the Dutch lead in the five-match series to 2-1.

Mitchell bout

Paris (Reuter) — Brian Mitchell, of South Africa, will defend his WBA junior-lightweight title in Sicily next week against Salvatore Currenti, of Italy, rather than Jean-Baptiste Mendy, of France.

END COLUMN

Wembley dream is ended for students

By David Miller

It is unbearably true, as Edward Butler said, that success is the only infallible criterion of wisdom to vulgar judgement. We see evidence of this almost every week in football. Today, it is a sad day to record that an era of 36 years comes to a close with the final University match at Wembley. The accounts have finally said the word.

We have long known that the wisdom of the Football Association is nowadays measured in fiddling others, though mercifully some council members are seemingly putting a brake on the passing of the FA Cup to a lottery. Of course, money is essential to the game's survival, though it is ironic that the late Sir Stanley Row's visionary hospitality to the universities should terminate at this moment.

The reason, Wembley directors claim, is that it costs £20,000 to open the stadium for the only mid-winter event. This figure has to be questioned, but it is beyond the scope of the universities' altruistic City sponsors, St

Quintin, whose £2,000 a year per annum has covered essential elements of entertaining schools visiting here and such like.

Crowds of less than five figures, further depressed last year by the teachers' dispute, have not helped, and, next year, the fixture moves, with the goodwill of Arsenal's chairman, Peter Hill-Wood, to Highbury. The universities last met at Highbury in 1937, when a mere 1,900 attended, the match subsequently switching before and after the war to Dulwich Hamlet at White Hart Lane.

In 1952, Ross summed the public relations value for the promotion of school football by staging the match off the national stage. This was during the second golden era of university football, stretching across a mere 15 years or so, with Pegasus, the combined universities club, twice drying a Wembley full house when they won the Amateur Cup in 1951 and 1953.

This was a time when, briefly, Oxford and Cambridge football came close to professional standards. Geoffrey Green, the former Football Correspondent of The Times, recalls that Leslie Scott, the England and Arsenal right back and at the time the Oxford coach, when watching his side win a scintillating match 5-4 at Tottenham, was asked to observe "if this is amateur football, I'm wasting my time at Highbury".

From these breeding grounds, fed now less by the public schools than by the great grammar schools of Lancashire, Cheshire, Durham, Yorkshire, Warwickshire and Staffordshire, grew Pegasus, a flurry of 21 amateur international players, and a handful who bridged the gap to play with professional clubs, such as Tottenham, Arsenal and Finner.

Like the organ-grinder's time, the melody of the university teams caught the public imagination. As a player of only modest contribution with Pegasus, my four seasons were an experience of rare playing and mental interaction, a collective pursuit of excellence which, however humble and ragged it looked on these less successful, sometimes gritty afternoons in all too earthy surroundings far from Wembley, carried a special feeling of crusade.

Something of that mood has survived to this day, and the Wembley match has remained a cherished occasion.

Some of the old players, Cowan, Platt, Insole, Vowles, Pringle, were at Monday night's Hawks Club dinner which precedes the Twickenham match; there to hear Colin Cowdrey, the club guest, proclaim the responsibility of contemporary players, in all sports, to resist the wave of contemporary cheating and violence.

Denis Saunders, that inspiring Pegasus captain, is warden of the school at Lillington which the FA seeks to sustain with alcohol sponsorship. Law sure that Saunders, like Burke, could advise them of wisdom.

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